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## Fagan chosen as Grayling's Junior Miss 2000



by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

A packed house in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium last Saturday night, had the honor of seeing 12 young ladies vie for the title of Grayling's Junior Miss. After answering a special question from the fishbowl and competing in the talent, evening gown, fitness portions of the contest, Monique Fagan was chosen Grayling's Junior Miss 2000 and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. She is the daughter of Alan and Julie Fagan.

Jessika Abfalter was named First Runner-Up, receiving a \$500 scholarship and Michelle Stepp was chosen as Second Runner-Up, receiving a \$250 scholarship along with another \$500 scholarship for being selected for the Scholastic Award.

Miranda Ellis and Kira Maples were selected as finalists in the contest. Maples also received the pageant's Fitness Award.

Other awards presented were the Poise & Appearance Award, as well as the Junior Miss Spirit Award -- both going to Laura Gassman. The Creative & Performing Arts Award went to Heidi Niederer for her performance of a vocal "The Phantom of the Opera."

(At left) An excited and tearful Grayling's Junior Miss 2000, Monique Fagan is escorted by her proud father, Alan Fagan, for her walk through the audience following the pageant on January 29. Monique was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship along with her title.

## Ex-Road Board members file suit against County Board

► Swiercz, Nelson say County wrongfully dismissed them, violated Open Meetings Act

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

Attorneys representing former road commissioners Raymond Swiercz and Robert Nelson have filed a lawsuit against the Crawford County Board of Commissioners for wrongful dismissal from their appointed positions on the Road Commission for Crawford County.

The County Board, by unanimous vote, removed the pair after two days of hearings, January 12 and 13, for violations of the Open Meetings Act. Attorneys Frank D. Eaman and Steven J. Grobbel of Bellanca, Beattie and Delisle, P.C. out of Harper Woods filed the suit on January 18 on behalf of the plaintiffs.

Count I of the complaint states Swiercz and Nelson were not granted due process rights because:

a) the County Board was "not fair and impartial because they had prejudged their guilt because of prior participation as accuser, investigator, fact finder and decision maker, and some other commissioners maintained a bias against the plaintiffs because of actions of the plaintiffs that were not the subject of the charges filed;" (The suit does not describe the prior participation or actions in any detail whatsoever.)

b) "The Board of Commissioners refused to consider whether its members should be disqualified because they were not fair and impartial;"

c) "The resolution of the Board of Commissioners that found evidence supporting the charges against the plaintiffs made a finding on a matter that was not charged against the plaintiffs; namely, that the plaintiffs failed to follow proper procedures to open and close Road Commission meetings;"

d) "The Board of Commissioners also based their findings on an accusation that the plaintiffs had not changed procedures for opening and closing Road Commission meetings after the meetings that were the subject of the charges; this accusation

was not charged and is untrue; procedures for opening and closing Road Commission meetings have been changed."

As evidence of the change of procedure by the Road Board, the complaint refers to an affidavit given by Managing Director Donald A. Babcock. The affidavit, dated January 18, states, "To the best of my knowledge the Road Commission is in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and has been since I took over as Managing Director in December of 1998."

Count I also states the evidence produced at the hearing failed to show that the road commissioners were incompetent, guilty of official misconduct or habitual or willful neglect of duty, or that any actions by Swiercz and Nelson were sufficient cause for removal. The complaint sites as reasons: the withdrawal of the April 6, 1998 violation and the claim that meetings on May 6, June 1 and 24, August 12 and December 3, 1998 were held in closed session because they were union negotiation and were being conducted in the place of the Road Commission manager.

Swiercz and Nelson also claim the November 10, 1998 meeting was required by state law to be a confidential negotiation session and could not be conducted as an open meeting, and the November 20, 1998 meeting was not held for the purpose of deliberation or decision, but a social gathering to meet an applicant. In addition, the former road commissioners state, "The Board of Commissioners found that the actions of the Commissioners were not willful; if there were no willful violations, there is no cause for removal."

Count I concludes with the claim that the County Board was outside the 180-day statute of limitations for legal action against Swiercz and Nelson for violations of the Open Meetings Act, were themselves in violation of the Act because the Board deliberated in closed session regarding the removal of the road commissioners and asked the court to reinstate them through an Order of Superintending Control "together with such other and further relief as

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## Huss goes full time; gets more room, more help and pay raise

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

After two months of fact finding, negotiations and discussion, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners made the decision to give County Prosecutor John B. Huss a raise, from \$50,000 annually to \$82,000, in return for his full time services to the County on a one-year trial basis.

"I'm the one taking the risk here," said Huss. "I will have to close my private practice to go full time for

the County and increase revenues. But, things can't go on the way they are."

Huss was referring to the heavy load being placed on his office since the courts were unified and the chance he is taking financially if he is not re-elected this November. He would be left without his private practice to fall back on. "I will lose my clientele and even my phone number. I would have to start all over again if this doesn't work out. But, I'm confident it will."

During regular meetings, as well as Personnel Committee meetings, the County Board spent many hours in discussion with Huss and Controller Paul Compo before making their decision. Each discussion ended with the realization that the Prosecutor's office was in need of full time attendance in order to properly serve the citizens of Crawford County. Huss said he is already in court five-days-a-week for the County.

The Board's only hesitation was

on the financial end of things. How would the County pay for the \$32,000 annual pay raise and a part time secretary? Huss assured the board that through full time work, he could make up the difference through drunk driving and drug violations' forfeitures. He also pointed out the money available to County through the settlement of the landfill lawsuit.

The County Board received a  
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## Joint effort saves life, helps female fox return to wild

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

When a female fox was recently found comatose and seizing in a Crawford County forest, her mate watching over her, a joint effort between local residents and vets from an area animal hospital quickly nursed the animal back to health. A couple days later, when the fox was returned to the forest, its mate was waiting for her in the same spot, and they were reunited.

Jody Barthlow of Maple Forest, a state and federally permitted wildlife rehabber who helps animals on a volunteer basis, worked with vets from the Grayling Animal Hospital to care for the sick fox.

The animal was discovered by area resident Kelly Kirk in the woods near the Hawk Hill Horse Farm, Barthlow said. The fox was "comatose and seizing."

Kirk contacted Barthlow, who

caged the animal and took it to the Grayling Hospital for Animals the next day.

The vets tested the animal's blood and checked for toxicity. Barthlow said the fox's illness may or may not have been caused by poison, but the Department of Natural Resources is investigating the matter.

Vets cared for the fox and rehydrated the animal.

"It's a tremendous help having the vets help with this," said Barthlow. "They don't have to take wildlife."

When Barthlow took the fox back to where Kirk had found it, its mate was, amazingly, waiting there for her return, and the two animals scampered off into the forest together.

Barthlow, who has been working as a volunteer animal rehabber for about two years, finds the work very rewarding.

"Animals belong to all of us," she said. "Wildlife is for everyone."

Barthlow lives on 10 acres of land in Maple Forest Township, where she has a 10X10X10-foot cage for raccoons and about 20 other smaller cages of various sizes, which she uses in her animal rehab work.

In two years, she has helped over 100 birds of all types, and 15 raccoons. It's a year-round operation, with summer and spring being the busiest seasons because "people are in the woods more," she said.

Barthlow noted that it is against the law to feed and house wildlife without being certified. Also, it is dangerous, because feeding an animal incorrectly can cause death to the creature.

"Every animal's diet is specific to that animal," she said. "Improper feeding can kill animals."

Deer (because of TB) and bats and skunks (due to rabies) are illegal to house, even for those with rehabbing permits, Barthlow noted.

## Donations appreciated, trailer still needed

by Cheryll Ruley  
Staff Writer

The Frederic Township Fire Department recently received a used snowmobile for use in trail rescues from David Forbush, owner of Forbush Corners Cross Country Skiing. The also received the old Crawford County rescue sled for the same purpose. Now all they need is a trailer to carry the team to remote areas where most snowmobile accidents happen.

Fire Chief Ed Goswicki has started a fund-raising campaign to buy a trailer. He hopes that trail riders who visit Frederic will be more than willing to donate to the cause by putting money in cans all over town. He cited the accident early last Saturday morning that took the life of Fenton resident, David Bauer. The Frederic team responded to that call and others over the past two weeks.



Frederic Fire Department recently received the donation of a snowmobile for their patrol of the trails. Now they need a trailer to carry it and their rescue sled. Shown from left are Frederic Twp. Supervisor Brian Hulbert, Frederic Fire Chief Ed Goswicki and Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely, who gave his old department's rescue sled to the Frederic rescue team.

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the court deems necessary."

Count II claims the County Board held closed hearings regarding the charges against Swiercz and Nelson on January 12 and 13, and continued in closed session while deliberating their removal, thus violating the Open Meetings Act. It also claims the County Board did not follow proper procedures while conducting the closed meeting and in doing so their decision to remove may be invalidated. The ex-road commissioners requested the court invalidate the County Board's decision on that basis.

Count III is the request for a temporary restraining order against the County Board to appoint replacements, claiming "Immediate and irreparable harm and injury may be caused to the plaintiffs, as well as the public at large, due to future

complications on issues that may arise regarding the validity and legality of actions taken" by anyone who may replace them on the board, if Swiercz and Nelson are later reinstated.

According to Count III, the pair claim they "will suffer a disproportionate injury if a temporary restraining order is not granted."

Count IV is the request of the court to allow a preliminary injunction to stop the County Board from appointing replacements due to possible harm that may be done to the public by any issues raised later on regarding their validity and legality if Swiercz and Nelson are reinstated.

Further, Swiercz and Nelson claim that with their removal the Road Board will have only a single member and cannot have a quorum, thus leaving the Road Commission unable to conduct business. And, "by returning plaintiffs to their offices, the current stalemate occasioned by the lack of a quorum will be resolved and the Road Commission can continue to carry out its statutory duty."

The count states Swiercz and

Nelson "will suffer a disproportionate injury if injunctive relief is not granted," and the County Board "will not be damaged by an injunctive order seeking to preserve the status quo." Otherwise, "The injury to the plaintiffs as a result of their removal is substantial as there is no pecuniary standard for the measurement of damages."

Count IV also states Swiercz and Nelson "are likely to prevail upon the merits of this case."

On January 19, Judge Dennis F. Murphy denied Swiercz and Nelson's request for a temporary restraining order and a preliminary injunction. A show cause hearing was also denied until there is a record prepared that can be reviewed by the court.

With Murphy's decision, the County Board appointed South Branch Township resident John Hartman to the Road Board and he was sworn in on January 20, just an hour before the Road Board was to meet and conduct business.

Murphy instructed the former road commissioners, "The process and order of superintending control is not an appeal. It is an original

civil action designed to require the defendant to perform a clear legal duty," he said. "The review in such a case is limited only to questions of law. A reviewing court cannot substitute its judgement of the facts if there is any competent testimony in the record to support the findings made."

Attorney Eaman disagrees with Murphy and filed a brief stating his support for the superintending control.

A show cause hearing will be scheduled approximately 21 days after a copy of the closed session minutes is filed with the court. The County Board has been ordered to provide to Swiercz and Nelson minutes of the January 13 closed session.

According to Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore, as of February 1, the County Board had not been served with the lawsuit. The summons is valid through April 18. After service, the County Board will have 21 days (28 via U.S. mail) to file an answer. County Prosecutor John B. Huss will represent the County Board in the suit, when and if they are served.

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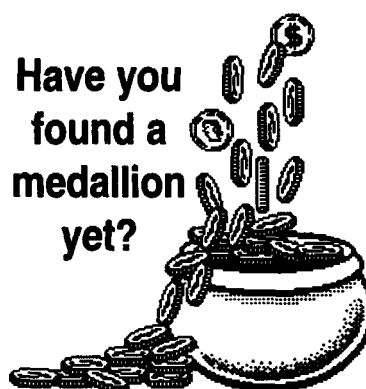
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## Looking for a medallion? Here's clues for the hunt

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The adventure has begun in the 2000 Winter Fun Days Festival Medallion Hunt. Here are last week's clues:

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head to sing, and stop at campgrounds trail, the end, where Sears has everything.

2. Onward and southward, Grant took his men, to four mile roads and pines, and fueling up fast, he looked around, and saw those little signs. Then off he went, but then forgot, how near he was to heaven, then turned around and soon he found, some gold from seven eleven.

3. Oh, Jefferson Davis, his jewelry so great, did he have such a heart. With wicks of gold, and red so bold, with wines so full of tart.

4. Keep looking round, that Hartwick sound, so big and oh so red. Lincoln logs did lay, or so they say, move them and yer fed.

5. Until such times, as those in past, the Morse Code did exist, and J. Dap Company, in times of need, did men of arms enlist.

But, wounded men, on sides of

both, when hurt and so alone, did they sure wish, they had the time, like E.T. to phone home.

6. Phone home?? Did you?? I said, said I, in clue I said before?? But now McMasters Bridge is gold, don't stop at Suttlers store.

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legal opinion that of the \$75,000 to \$150,000 received annually from that settlement (the amount depending on waste volume received at the landfill), the County may put into the general fund whatever funds remain after the recycling program needs are fully funded.

"You've got the money right there," said Huss.

Compo told the Board he was not recommending the pay raise and additional hire because of the low balance in the County's contingency fund, but understood the legal opinion. "But," he said, "we are not going to touch that money (landfill and contingency) unless we absolutely have to."

Huss will be paid according to an annual salary of \$82,000 beginning March 10. The County Board agreed the Prosecutor needed ample time to make arrangements for his clients and properly close his private practice. The increase to the County, including the part time secretary is a total variance from the 2000 budget of \$53,802.

The County Board also gave up possession of their Commissioners' Room, adjacent to the Prosecutor's offices to give Huss more room for his increasing workload and extra employee.

The County Board has the option to reduce the annual salary to whatever lesser amount they decide is suitable by December 31, 2000 or before the next term of the County Prosecutor begins.



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## Winter Fun Days festival is almost here

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In keeping with the Grayling winter tradition, the festival will celebrate the season and bring some excitement, giving everyone a reason to get outside and enjoy our winter wonderland.

The excitement begins with the Grayling Winter Fun Days Medallion Hunt, which started on Monday, January 31. Successful hunters should listen to radio stations WGRY and WQON for clues and read the Crawford County Avalanche for some "help." Approximately \$650 in prizes awaits lucky hunters wise enough to decipher the cryptic clues.

With 12 small medallions hidden somewhere in Crawford County, many people will be \$30 to \$75 (in gift certificates) richer by the end of the hunt. Two clues will be given each day up to Thursday evening, February 10, leading hunters to the small medallions and eventually to the big medallion.

Other Winter Fun Days (WFD) activities will include:

- The Crawford County Library is celebrating the tradition with a book sale on February 10-11.

- A winter quilt show and sale sponsored by and located at the

Icehouse Quilt Shop will be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

- From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday the Cross Country Ski Shop will hold its Winter Sale. They will honor their three-hour Skiers Happy Hour with rental prices of \$6/adult and \$5/children throughout the weekend (when you mention Winter Fun Days). The shop is located behind the Grayling Holiday Inn off the I-75 Business Loop.

- Frederic Elementary School is participating in WFD this year with a Soup Dinner fundraiser on Friday (5-6:30 p.m.) to benefit the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. Take home a ceramic bowl made and donated by FES students. Cost is \$5 for all you can eat. The event will be held at FES, located at 6470 Manistee Street.

- On Friday evening from 5-6 p.m. Business After Hours, sponsored by the COOR Intermediate School District and Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA), will be held at the Hanson Hills Main Lodge.

- The Business Olympics, sponsored by Kiwanis, begin at 6 p.m. on Friday with a fun-filled triathlon event that includes a water relay, a snowball throwing contest, and a cardboard vehicle race down the hill. Business teams of three people

will compete against other businesses for a chance to hold the traveling trophy for a year. Contact Tim Stephan at 344-0076 for more information.

- The Business Olympics will be followed by the Grayling High School Ski Team Torch Parade at 7:45 p.m.

- Awards will be given to the winners of the Business Olympics triathlon and the WFD Medallion Hunt to end Friday night's festivities.

- Saturday will be another fun-filled day, starting off with the Winter Wolf Challenge. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Ray's Canoe Livery. The event is a triathlon that includes a kayak/canoe phase, a snowshoe run, and a nordic ski race. Two levels of competition will be available. The race begins at 9 a.m. at Ray's and heads downstream to Rayburn's property on the main stream of the AuSable. Paddlers must bring their own equipment (non-motorized single person boat). Race time is about 45-60 minutes.

The snowshoe event will immediately follow the canoe/kayak portion. Snowshoes will be provided, or participants can furnish their own. Race length is 3 miles (Challenge) or 1.5 miles (Fun Challenge). The nordic ski event will take place at 11 a.m. with a mass start at Hanson Hills. Competitors must bring their own equipment. Challenge race will

be 8.4 km on the Yellow Trail, Fun Challenge will be 3.2 km on the Green Trail.

Pre-registration is \$15; on race day it will be \$20. Age groups are Junior (14-19), Classic (20-39), and Masters (40 and over). Contact GRA at 348-9266 for more information.

- There will be snowshoe demos at the Hanson Hills Recreation area throughout the weekend. A guided

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### Card of Thanks

I would like to thank the ABWA, Sandy Moore, and all the other individuals who made this year's Grayling Junior Miss Program possible. I would also like to thank the 11 other contestants as well as Brandi McClain, Grayling's Junior Miss 1999, for making the past three months so much fun. A very special thank you to Davis Jewelry, Sylvester's, Kirtland Community College, and the many other businesses who donated to the program. Last, but not least, I would like to thank my family and friends for all their love and support. Once again... sorry, Travis. I am very excited about the opportunity to represent my community in the year to come.

Grayling's Junior Miss 2000  
Monique Fagan

## Lansing keeps 517, north central Michigan gets new area code

Michigan's 517 area code, which covers central and northern parts of the state, will receive the new 989 area code as part of the geographic split plan, according to the Communications Industry Services (CIS) group of Lockheed Martin which serves as the North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA).

Michigan's north central area, which includes Saginaw, Midland, Bay City, Mount Pleasant and Alpena, will receive the 989 area code, while customers in the south central/Lansing area will retain the 517 area code.

Once the new 989 area code is implemented - in August 2000 - calls made between the 517 and 989 will require dialing 10 digits or "1" plus 10 digits. Service providers will educate their customers to their dialing pattern. However, the introduction of the 989 area code will not affect the price of telephone calls. Local calls will remain local calls, regardless of the area code dialed.

To introduce the new 989 area code, an "optional dialing" period

will begin August 19 and run through January 20, 2001. During the optional dialing period, calls made from outside the area can use either the 517 or the 989 area code when completing a call to customers in the new 989 area code. Once required dialing begins, callers will need to use the correct area code to complete their calls.

Sandy Tokarek, NANPA, a senior area code relief planner for the Central Region, including Michigan, said the introduction of the split area code is needed due to an increase in competition in the local phone service market, the growing demand by the public for additional telephone numbers, and a technical requirement in the phone network that allocates phone numbers in blocks of 10,000.

When switching to or adding a new area code, Tokarek said there are several items customers should remember including:

- Changing stationery, business cards and advertising to reflect the correct area code if not already shown.

- Updating fax machine group call-

ing lists.

- Reprogramming speed dialers, auto dialers, alarms and PBX (private phone systems).

- Reprogramming out-dial lists on personal computers.

- Updating or reprogramming private-dial entry access systems.

A telecommunications industry

group comprised of more than 15 companies collectively developed the area code relief plan for the 517 and 989 area codes in Michigan. Area code relief activities are administered by CIS, which was selected by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to serve as the NANPA.



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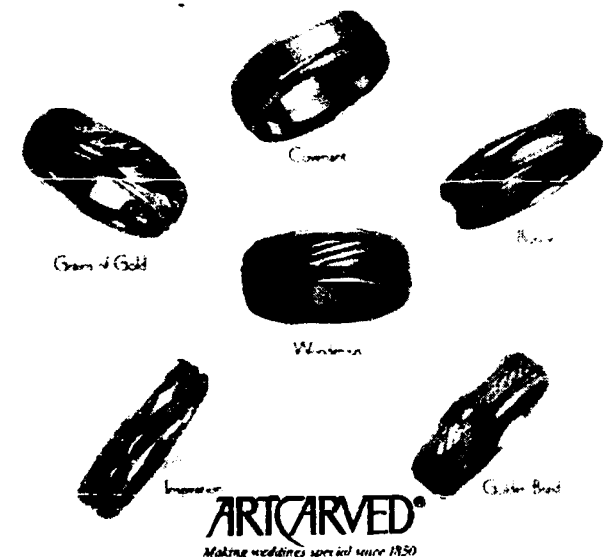
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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Lame ducks? Clinton, Engler don't even limp

WHEN PRESIDENT Bill Clinton offered his State of the Union address a few days ago, it took an hour and a half to outline all his plans for the nation's future.

It was an all encompassing speech. He talked of tax cuts, military readiness, saving social security, expanded medicare, paying for prescriptions for seniors, a patients' bill of rights, higher minimum wage, stricter gun safety laws, more money for college students, more charter schools, and on and on and on -- even paying down the national debt.

The Clinton message seemed to include everything but the kitchen sink -- and there may be a program for kitchens coming along soon, too.

Sen Peter Domenici of New Mexico, Senate budget chair, claims Mr. Clinton has proposed 21 new programs worth at least \$150 billion.

But wait a minute.

Isn't Bill Clinton winding down his time as president? Doesn't his last term expire in 11 months? Isn't he a lame duck, about

to become just another suburban house-husband in New York suburbs?

So what's going on here? Why the chock-full agenda?

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OF COURSE, many of his proposals are warmed over versions of old ideas which haven't been accomplished.

And the Congress is still controlled by the opposite party, so warm reception of Clinton programs is not very likely, although there's always a chance.

Some pundits claim Mr. Clinton seeks to frame a popular agenda for Vice President Al Gore, hoping to help Mr. Gore in November's election so he can carry on the Clinton social legacy.

Another oft-heard idea is that Mr. Clinton is providing campaign tools for congressional and senate Democratic candidates this fall, plus trying to give Hillary Clinton a strong footing for her senate race in New York.

But a more probable explanation is his actions reflect just the kind of guy Bill

Clinton is.

"I think the important thing is to keep the attention of the country focused on the future," he explained in remarks reported by Reuters news agency, "and to keep my attention and the attention of the administration focused on the future, and the energy level very high."

There's nothing wrong with that.

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AFTER ENDURING both the State of the Union speech by President Clinton, and the State of the State message by Gov. John Engler, it's excusable to wonder if there's an echo loose around here somewhere.

Both bragged about the vibrancy of the economy. Both bragged about creating jobs. Both bragged about welfare reforms, tax cuts and bulging government treasuries.

Both want to shovel lots of money into education. Both want to reward excellence in schools. It's confusing as to which one wants to give computers to students, or to teachers, or to both .... maybe it's both of them.

And both want more charter schools.

Gov. Engler is a lame duck, too. He's also in his final term of office, although he has three years left .... unless he whips off to Washington in a new Bush administration.

That scenario needs a couple of developments, which may be more difficult to achieve than lifting the cap on charter schools.

First, George W. Bush must be elected president, and second, Mr. Engler must be tendered a slot to his liking in the Bush takeover.

For lame ducks, Mr. Engler and Mr. Clinton both show imagination and vigor. Neither one is limping a bit.

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HILLARY'S MOVE -- When Hillary Clinton moved to her new home in suburban New York as part of her campaign for U.S. Senate, it marked a family milestone.

The Clintons have lived in public housing since 1983. Straight from the governor's mansion in Little Rock, they moved

to the White House, and both of these public units come furnished. The Clintons have not needed private furniture for at least 17 years.

When Mrs. Clinton went to New York, she was accompanied by two 26-foot moving vans. An Associated Press story said the two vans were "loaded with rolled-up rugs, kitchen chairs, a mattress and assorted boxes" that had been in storage in Virginia.

If they stored their furniture in Virginia, it's obvious they didn't expect to return to Little Rock.

But the big question which puzzles me is: What really was in those two huge moving vans?

Rugs, kitchen chairs and boxes don't take up that much room, so what else was in those vans?

Rose Law Firm billing records, perhaps?

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## New DNR rule unfair to young anglers

To the editor,

I own a cabin on the Manistee River approximately three miles downstream from M-72. This cabin has been in our family since 1938. I love this cabin and part of this emotional attraction is that my grandfather took me to this cabin when I was a boy and together we fished on the Manistee River. I am now retired and spend a great deal of time on the water fishing.

This passion for fishing started on the Manistee River. I also have 13 grandchildren and another one is on the way. A number of my grandchildren have, in the past, fished with me near and around the cabin on the Manistee River. They love it and are looking forward to years of fun and fishing with their grandfather and their dad. So am I.

I just received an annual bulletin from the Upper Manistee River Association with the following information:

"Effective April 1, 2000, the area on the Upper Manistee River from M-72 to the CCC Bridge will be managed as a Type VI stream. Type VI streams will be open year round with a two-fish daily bag limit during the traditional trout season. Tackle will be restricted to flies only. Minimum sizes will be ten

inches for brook trout and 15 inches for brown and rainbow trout."

I am not a fly fisherman but will manage with the above regulation. But how about the kids? When and where are they to fish? They do not fish with flies and just how many brook trout are over ten inches long? Not many.

As a result of this new regulation, the kids can't throw that worm or crawler in the water anymore in the above portion of the Manistee River and hope that they will get that strike from that big trout that has been hiding under the log.

How are they ever going to develop this love and passion for the Manistee River and fishing on the river if they can't fish there any longer? Did the people who came up with this regulation ever fish as children?

I hope the above regulation is changed soon. Let's let the kids fish with worms, crawlers and spinners and for them, reduce the size of the brook trout to eight inches. Let's make our youngsters feel that they are important and most of all, let's let them develop that love of the outdoors, the river and fishing for trout!

Frank W. Grant  
Wilmington, NC

## Businesses have full agenda for lawmakers

A new year is like a clean sheet of paper in the typewriter: a chance to start anew with fresh ideas and goals. A new century? Well, that's like a whole ream of paper in the hopper of a high-speed laser printer!

Michigan's small business community enters the New Year, the New Century, the New Millennium and the new legislative session in Lansing with high hopes. Here's a peek at the legislative agenda being pursued on behalf of local business owners by the state chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB).

**Health Care:** Judging from last year's congressional debates, many federal lawmakers feel America's biggest health problem is that it's too hard for people to sue their employers and their health plans. Fortunately, more and more lawmakers in Lansing are waking up to the fact that the real health crisis is the growing number of people without insurance -- a problem caused by soaring coverage costs. This is nothing new to small business owners, who have rated health costs as their biggest problem for more than five years.

To keep small firms from being frightened out of providing health coverage, NFIB will oppose attempts to hold employers liable for treatment decisions made by HMOs. And to help keep the lid on premium increases, we will fight to block proposals requiring all small-group insurance policies to cover budget-busting treatments for diabetes and mental illness. NFIB will also work to exempt small-employer groups from current state mandates that have already priced coverage beyond the means of too many family businesses.

Taxes: Taxes are always in the top

tier of small business concerns. While Michigan's tax climate for both business and individuals has been greatly improved over the last eight years, more progress can be made.

While small firms welcomed the 23-year phase put of Single Business Tax, approved last year, the bill needs some technical "fixes" to iron out inequities involving the Capital Acquisition Deduction and other arcane features. NFIB will continue working with Treasury and Senate and House Tax Policy Chairs to address these problems. We will also try to increase the asset exemption on the personal property tax and support efforts to require any tax increase to gain super-majority approval before it can become law.

**A Host of Other Concerns:**

**Labor issues:** This year, as in every election year, some politicians will be sorely tempted to hike the state minimum wage beyond federal levels. In addition to opposing any such efforts, NFIB will push for legislation to bar local governments from enacting local minimum or "living wage" ordinances. We will continue to seek repeal of the state's prevailing wage law and to prohibit local prevailing wage laws. And, we will oppose any attempt to tap the Unemployment Trust Fund to bankroll paid family leave.

**Environmental Issues:** Small business owners insist that environmental protection initiatives must be tempered with respect for property rights. NFIB will monitor how Michigan's new environmental liability laws are monitored and will oppose local government schemes (such as "amortization") to eliminate signage and billboards without just compensation.

**Legal Reform:** Reforms passed five years ago have dampened trial lawyers' ability to pursue frivolous lawsuits. But, the desire persists. Under the pretense of "consumer protection" and "corporate responsibility," personal injury attorneys have repeatedly tried to weaken the reforms. Recently, they have made some headway in the lower courts. NFIB will defend the 1995 changes and seek further, incremental reforms to the old "jackpot" justice system.

**Deregulation of Electrical Power:** "First, do no harm" is the watch word here. Any deregulation bill must assure (1) reliability of power and (2) reasonable rate stability. To assure that big business doesn't pocket all the projected price reductions, small firms should have the chance to buy on a group basis. And NFIB will work to make sure power companies are not allowed to start new businesses subsidized by ratepayers.

**Telephone Deregulation:** The state should stiffen the penalties for telephone slamming/cramming to make the profit incentive out of these fraudulent practices. Many small businesses are the victims of these scams.

Charles Owens, Chairman  
National Federation of Independent Business

Charles Owens heads the 23,000-member state chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). Founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its members before legislative bodies in Washington, D.C. and all 50 state capitols. More information is available on the Internet at [www.nfibonline.com](http://www.nfibonline.com)

## VIEWPOINT

## Anti-trust cases & soft money

Mergers and new technologies in the communications, computer, and related sectors have made the U.S. suit against Microsoft obsolete.

The settlement between Microsoft and Caldera Company in Utah, which developed a competing computer operating system, demonstrates that the Justice Department's objectives in the case may not mirror those of consumers or even competing firms.

At almost the same time this case is being settled by the parties out of court and with minimal damage to the companies or the U.S. economy, the Justice Department apparently plants a story that it seeks the radical remedy of breaking up Microsoft in its own litigation.

Note the recent merger between America Online and Time-Warner Communications, the explosion of internet usage, increased choices of software availability via Application Software Providers since the case was launched, and other technological and commercial developments. The real world is making the suit against Microsoft unnecessary, and unwarranted. But it is costly and potentially damaging to consumer choice.

Press leaks and revelations about the case also raise serious ethical questions about both the conduct of the case and the motives for bringing it in the first place. With the information that the Justice Department proposes to break up Microsoft's popular computer operating systems division, there is the feeling of a vendetta here.

An Alexis de Tocqueville Institution study to be published this spring is finding that a large number of major soft dollar donors to the Democratic Party over the last three election cycles are now plaintiffs, witnesses, or beneficiaries in U.S. anti-trust cases.

A much more urgent need than pursuing any further political leverage operations on behalf of other large companies is to take a sober look at U.S. anti-trust policy -- a review of both the way cases are managed and how they are selected for action.

Such a review and reform would be the best way to advance real anti-trust protection, by bringing it into the 21st Century and focusing the Justice Department's cases on consumers, rather than campaign donors.

Gregory Fossedal, Chairman  
Alexis de Tocqueville Institution  
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Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample

space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.



# BRIEFS

## Mercy offers free blood pressure clinic

Mercy Hospital Grayling will provide free blood pressure tests on Tuesday, February 8, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., in the hospital's Gallery. For more information, call Teresa Money at (517) 348-0433 or Tara Weaver at (517) 348-0708, Volunteer Services.

## Retirement party planned for McConnell

A retirement party will be held for Camp Grayling Commander Colonel Gary J. McConnell honor at the Grayling Holiday Inn on Saturday, February 5 starting at 5:30 p.m. Uniform for the event will be Dress Blues, Class A or appropriate civilian attire. A buffet-style dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$17 per person and includes contribution toward a gift. To purchase tickets contact Col. Dale French at 344-6152 or Lt. Col Tom Lamie at 344-6107. Friends, relatives and colleagues are invited to join in celebrating McConnell's achievements and 33 years of dedicated military service.

## Amicare offers free blood pressure tests

Local residents can take advantage of a free blood pressure check, sponsored by Amicare Home Care and Hospice, at the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy on Thursday, February 3, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## Conservancy group to meet in Mio

The Headwaters Land Conservancy will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m., February 10, in the former library building, now the MSU Extension Office, adjacent to the Courthouse Annex in Mio (one block east of the M-33 and M-72 intersection). The Conservancy assists landowners in preparing conservation easements and other forms of land-protection plans. For more information, call (517) 826-5714.

## Help Center begins February 'paper' drive

February is 'paper' drive time at the Christian Help Center. The Center is accepting donations of paper towels, facial tissue and toilet paper. Items may be dropped off at the Center on Huron Street, Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Eagle's Auxiliary to host Fish Fry

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary will host an all-you-can-eat fish fry Wednesday, February 16 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meal includes Alaskan Pollack, homemade bread, coleslaw, potato wedges and/or french fries and assorted desserts. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for kids; under five years eat free. A four-piece chicken dinner will also be available for \$5. Dine in, or carry out by calling 348-5287.

## Viking Band magazine sale moved up

The Band QSP Magazine sale has been moved up to February 8. Please see a band student to place an order. Also, the Viking Band Boosters' membership meeting will be held Tuesday, February 15 at 7 p.m. in the Grayling High School Band Room. All band members' parents are invited to attend.

## Wildlife habitat workshop offered to landowners

Whether you own 40 acres, a garden or a backyard, you will receive information on how to create habitat suitable for wildlife viewing at this workshop on Saturday, March 11 at the Gaylord Middle School, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The agenda contains a keynote presentation on the basics of wildlife management, as an introduction to the following concurrent sessions:

- Forest Habitat Management - We will take a look at the various trees and shrubs necessary to attract a wide range of species to your woods!

- Wetlands Habitat Management - We will discuss the importance of wetlands as well as what plant species will work to provide the necessary habitat for the species which

you may desire.

- Upland Habitat Management - If your interest is managing open areas, do not miss this one: open land habitat options and what to expect from these areas will be covered.

- Wildlife Plant Identification - This session will cover the basic skills needed to find out what species you have in order to begin the plant inventory process.

- Backyard Wildlife - A look at what homeowners can do to attract a variety of species on the smaller tracts of land.

Deadline is February 24 (or first 150 registrants) by calling the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District at (517) 257-5231 for an information brochure and registration form.

## Master Gardener program to begin

Crawford County MSU-E is providing its Master Gardener program from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Wednesdays, beginning March 1 through May 10. Classes will be held at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

The Course fee is \$150 for individuals and \$200 per household. Instructors for the course will be a combination of University and professionals in their field.

To qualify as a master gardener, 10 weeks of three-hour classes, including plant and soil science, lawn

care, pest management, woody ornamentals and flower gardening must be completed.

In addition to course work, gardeners must complete 40 hours of community service, including answering gardening questions for others, working of community beautification, talking to local groups, leading a garden group or other activities.

For more information or for registration forms, please contact the Crawford County MSU-E office at (517) 344-3264.

## Dinner show features string ensemble

The Command Performance Dinner Show of the CASD Community Education Cultural Events Program continues Sunday, February 6, at the Grayling Holiday Inn, when the Detroit Chamber Strings perform at 2 p.m. in the Evergreen Room.

This concert offers a Sunday Brunch Buffet beginning at 12:45 p.m., featuring a "make your own omelet," chicken omelet, choice of bacon, sausage and ham, any beverage and a variety of desserts.

Doors open to the Evergreen Room at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$22.50 per person and includes the Sunday Brunch. Limited seating is available and should be reserved by calling 348-7641, ext. 120/123. Visa and Mastercard accepted.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Losing free speech rights?

Columnist, Mica Colon, a conservative writer, has decided to yield to political correctness and stop writing against gay rights. While the public is supportive of her position in private, she has had no public support concerning this subject in her column. In the mean time, she has been bombarded with hate mail, homosexual literature, abhorrent sex pictures, and other vicious unnamed attacks from the gay community. She said in part:

"While I anticipated dissent and disagreement, I was expecting the discourse to be on the content of the column rather than a personal assault on my character. Letters to the Advance named me a bigot, a homophobe and one letter writer even suggested that the editors should have censored my material on behalf of the gay community that had been hurt by my insensitivity. I was called a hate-spewer and one letter writer insisted that a minority should never attack another minority. Well, I've never been one to court convention just for the heck of it so please excuse me for not following the rules."

"I know that controversy generates heated emotions but a good commentator should have the courage of her convictions and I foolishly thought that courage was enough. What has hap-

pened since that column first appeared has led me to rethink, not my opinion, but rather whether that my opinion should be shared with an easily intimidated public."

"One large manila envelope that was forwarded to my home contained several gay magazines, gay tour package brochures to exotic sites, buttons with gay and lesbian mottoes and other interesting reading. Needless to say there was no return address on the envelope, just a sticker that read Gay and Lesbian Task Force."

Following the receipt of an anonymous card with a picture of a blatant homosexual act, she wrote, "I wonder what was going through the mind of the person that sent me such a graphic message. Surely they must realize that this was hardly a persuasive tactic. But if the objective was to silence me, then it has succeeded. Far be (it) for me to ever address homosexuality in the pages of the Advance again. Not because I have changed my opinion. Not because I am frightened of upsetting rather well organized activists. Not because I am disappointed with the lack of public support for my position. I will remove myself from this controversy because I want to help my daughter retain her innocence just a little bit longer by keeping my

home free of prurient literature."

When conservative writers like Alicia Colon are harassed into public silence, our first amendment rights are in danger. When the power and pressure of gutless politicians, militant sodomites, and a liberal media can publicly silence good people, we no longer deserve to call ourselves a free nation. (Isa. 59:15) "Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey; and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment." Good people must publicly speak the truth!!!

"Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html>.

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## Homecare & Hospice volunteer training scheduled

Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice will be holding a Hospice Volunteer Training February 16 and 17 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Grayling Amicare Office.

Mercy Amicare Hospice provides in-home care for individuals with life threatening illnesses and is certified to provide service through Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross and other insurances.

Volunteers are needed to assist a growing number of families in the Amicare service area which covers Crawford, Roscommon and parts of Otsego, Ogemaw, Kalkaska and Oscoda counties and are generally assigned to families within the community in which they reside.

Volunteers are an important part of the hospice interdisciplinary team which includes doctors, nurses, home health aides, social workers and spiritual care/bereavement counselors. Telephone calls are answered

by a staff member available 24 hours a day who contacts the appropriate team member within 30 minutes.

Volunteers are asked to donate from two to four hours per week assisting a family with activities that could include respite, errands, light homemaking or companionship or can be involved in clerical work, fundraising, public speaking, bereavement and courier service.

The training program includes many topics presented in a combina-

tion of hospice staff and guest speakers from the community.

"The information received in training proves beneficial to one's personal life as well as their volunteer activities," says Sherry Haag, Volunteer Coordinator for Mercy Amicare Homecare and Hospice.

To register or for more information, contact Sherry at (517) 348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or leave a message.

## Mt. Hope Lutheran Church offers Christian education workshop

In an effort to support Christian education in Crawford and Roscommon Counties, Mt. Hope Lutheran Church is sponsoring a workshop designed to enhance family ministry and spiritual growth.

SNAPSHOTS: Helping Families Grow Spiritually an exciting, interactive presentation on family ministry, will be held at Mt. Hope on Thursday, February 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The workshop will offer new ideas for team leadership, family faith-building tools, developing the family ministry concept and 30 concrete

ideas for making it happen.

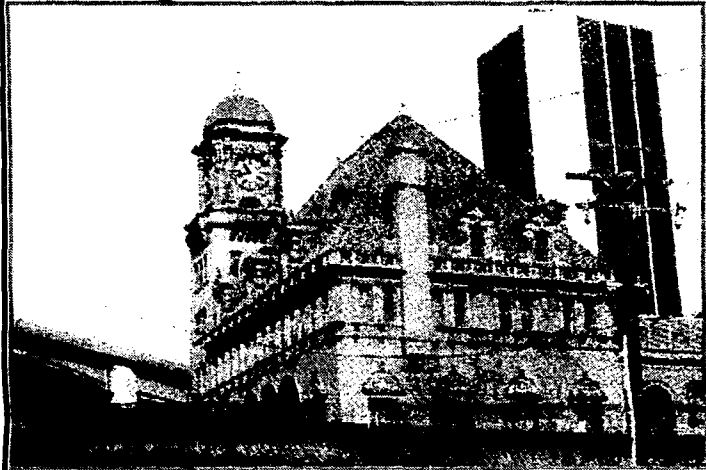
The workshop will be presented by Jason J. Scheler, a Christian Education Specialist from Concordia Publishing House, who brings an extensive education background, enthusiasm and experience to help all participants learn as much as possible.

For more information about this exciting, informative workshop, contact Ken Bendick, Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 483, 905 N. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738-0483; phone (517) 348-5921; e-mail: [mthope@freeway.net](mailto:mthope@freeway.net).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
John 1:1-11	John 2:1-15	John 3:1-21	John 4:1-10	John 5:1-17	John 6:1-29	John 7:1-10

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Sunday Radio Ministry - 8 am, 101.1 WQON  
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Sabbath School - 10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting Tues. - 7 pm

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Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School - 10 am  
Sunday Service & Children's Church - 11 am  
Monday Evening Service - 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting - 7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7 pm  
Thursday Discipleship Class - 7 pm  
Significant Singles Monday - 7 pm

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Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor  
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Sunday School - 9:30 am  
Morning Worship - 10:30 am  
Evening Service - 6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children - 7 pm

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Sunday School - 11 am  
Primary - 11 am  
Priesthood - 12 noon  
Relief Society - 12 noon

**Emma Lowery United Church of Christ**  
Pastor, James Briney  
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Sunday Worship - 11 am  
Adult and Youth Sunday School - 9:30 am

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Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
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Morning Worship - 11 am  
Evening Worship - 6 pm  
Wednesday - 7 pm

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Church School - 9:45 am  
Preaching - 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer - 7 pm

**Gaylord Christian Reformed**  
Rev. V. Schaap  
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Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Morning Worship - 11 am  
Evening Service - 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:30 pm

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**  
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700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657  
Sabbath Eucharist  
Saturday Vigil Mass - 6 pm  
Sunday Masses - 8:00 am  
Family Mass - 10:00 am  
Scripture Study (Sundays) - 9:15 am  
Daily Masses - 6 pm  
Wednesday & Fridays - 8:30 am

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Morning Worship - 11 am  
Evening Worship - 6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study - 7 pm  
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Sunday Services - 11:00 am

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Morning Worship - 10:30 am  
Evening Worship - 6 pm  
Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday - 7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) - 7 pm

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Sunday Worship - 11 am  
Sunday Evening - 6 pm  
Wednesday  
Mid-Week Bible Study - 7 pm

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Sunday School - 9 am  
Sunday Service - 10 am

**The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message**  
Pastor Paul Rolfe  
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Sunday Worship - 10 am & 7 pm  
Wed. Prayer Service - 7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor Lyle Studer  
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Sunday School - 10 am  
Sunday Worship - 11 am & 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Evening - 7 pm

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Wednesday Service - 7 pm

**Harvest Time Church of God**  
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Family Training Hour and Prayer  
Wednesday - 7 pm

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Chapel Service - 11 am  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7-8 pm

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Evening Service - 6 pm  
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Sunday School & Bible Study - 9:15 am  
Tuesday Night School - 5:30 pm  
Wednesday am Bible Study - 9 am

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Morning Praise - 10:30 am  
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Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study - 7 pm

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## Eagles help buy Snowmobile Patrol trailer

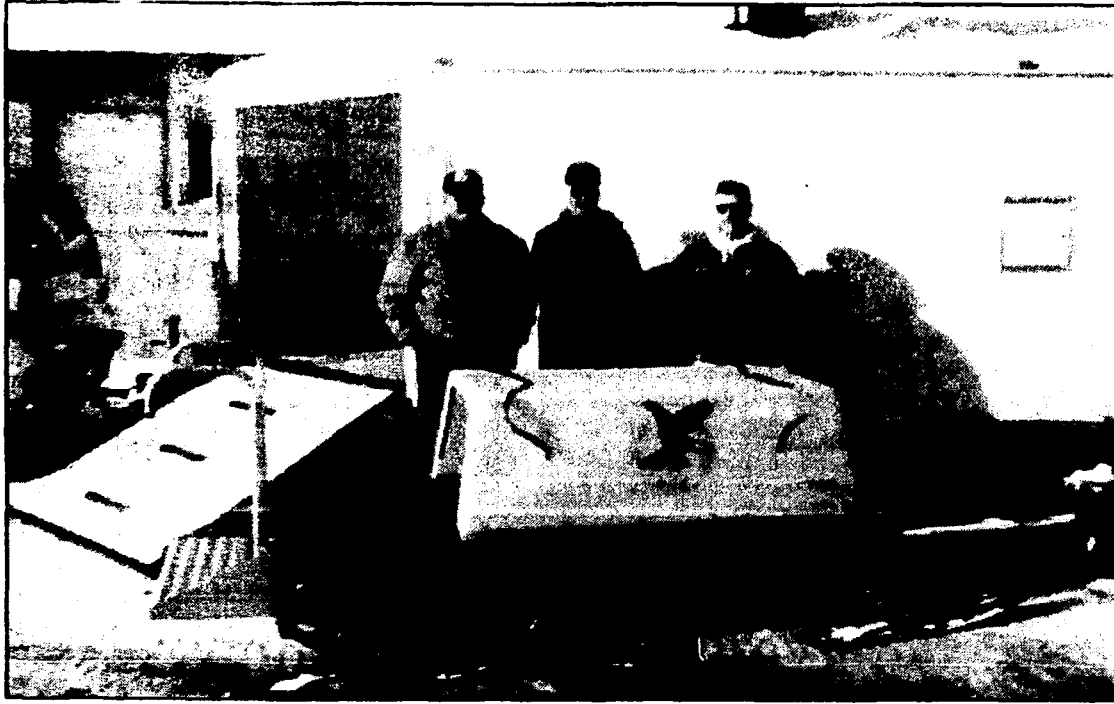


Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Department

The Grayling Eagles made a donation of \$854 in matching funds to a DNR snowmobile grant, allowing the Crawford County Sheriff's Department Snowmobile Patrol to purchase a trailer to haul around their rescue sled and snowmobile. The rescue sled was donated by the Eagles last season after raising money through fund-raising activities. Accepting the donation for his department is Sheriff David Lovely (right) shakes hands with Eagles' President Dennis Williamson (center) while club secretary Frank Kammer looks on.

## Card of thanks

The AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the following for their contribution to our recent Trail Stop.

The portable grill used along with the hot dogs, buns and condiments were all donated by Glen's Market. Thank you Mark White, manager. Phil Wiley, manager from McDonald's donated the onions.

And, of course, the 10 to 12 members of the Snowmobile Association, who definitely do live up to their motto of "Volunteers for better trails," volunteered their time on this Saturday afternoon.

We had such a great turnout for this first Trail Stop, we plan to do another soon. Keep watch for advertisement of the next one.

Once again, thank you everyone for your help and participation.

Ken Riehle, Past President  
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The winners are as follows:

• Individual Category - Gary and Rita Tiffany of Alpena, for creating a nature preserve on their own property to serve as an educational tool

for children.

• Organization Category - Operation Clean-up Alcona County and Recycle Alcona County Inc. (co-recipients), for their annual spring clean-up and ongoing, year-round recycling effort.

• Employer Category - The Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center at Phelps Collins Field, for restoring the environment at the

base, and its efforts to help on other clean-ups in the area, including making men and equipment available to the Adopt-A-Forest program.

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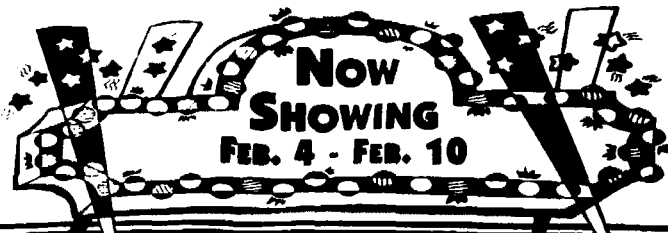
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**Galaxy Quest - PG (102)**  
Starring: Alan Rickman  
• 7:15 • 9:15 • 11:15

**Stuart Little - PG (84)**  
Starring: Michael J. Fox  
• 7:15 nightly • Sat. & Sun. 2:15

**Snow Falling On Cedars - PG-13 (127)**  
Starring: Ethan Hawke  
• 9 nightly • Sat. & Sun. 4

**Anna And The King - PG-13 (148)**  
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• Sun. 2, 4:30 & 7 • Mon.-Thur. 7

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Starring: David Arquette, Neve Campbell & Courtney Cox  
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Evenings - Adults \$5.50 • Children \$4 • Seniors \$4.50  
• Tuesday Senior Matinee \$2 • Matinees • All Seats \$4

## Winter Fun Days festival is almost here

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snowshoe hike is scheduled for 12 noon at the Little Smokey Cross Country Lodge.

• At 1 p.m. the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association (AVSA) is sponsoring a snowmobile trail stop on the Blue Bear Connector, located west of Frederic on 612. AVSA will provide a bonfire, hot dogs, coffee and hot chocolate. The association's groomer will be on display and members of the club will be on hand to talk about trails. Contact AVSA at douglasy@i2k.com for more information.

• A group skating lesson is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. at Hanson Hills. Meet at the rink at the end of the driveway. Skates will be available for rent at the Main Lodge window for \$3.

• Downhill ski races, sponsored

by the Hanson Hills Ski School, will meet at the race shack at the top of the Bowl at 6 p.m.

• Looking for some adventure? Back by popular demand is the exhilarating and dangerous downhill canoe race at 7:30 p.m. on the Bowl. This is an exciting spectator event. Helmets are required for the two person teams. Sign up at the main lodge.

• A WKPK Club Extreme Teen Dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. in the Main Lodge. Entry fee will be \$3. The event is sponsored by the Booster Club.

• The Booster Club's lumberjack breakfast at the Main Lodge will kick off Sunday's events. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, hash browns, juice and coffee for \$3.50/adults, \$2.50/children.

• The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring the Chili Cook-off at 12 noon, featuring many local restaurants competing for the traveling trophy. Cost is \$1 to be a judge for the event.

• A free group downhill ski lesson will meet at the Bunny Hill at 1 p.m. and is sponsored by the Hanson Hills Ski School.

• The Crawford County Historical will provide the History of Hanson Hills from 12-3 p.m.

• Citizens Bank will again sponsor the fun-filled downhill obstacle course on the Bowl at 1 p.m. Competitors of all ages are welcome.

• The excitement concludes with a Snowboard Competition for both slalom and freestyle. All competitors should meet at the bottom of the

Bear.

For more detailed information on any of the WFD events call Hanson Hills at 348-9266 or visit the park's website at [www.hansonhills.org](http://www.hansonhills.org)

## Consumers appoints new Electric Field Manager

Vance Anderson has been appointed Electric Field Manager for Consumers Energy's operations in eight northern Lower Peninsula counties.

Anderson will be responsible for the utility's electric business activities from Houghton Lake to the Mackinac Bridge. He will manage the utility's customer centers in Boyne City, Cheboygan, Gaylord and Prudenville serving Roscommon, Crawford, Otsego, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and portions of Presque Isle, Missaukee and Antrim counties.

Anderson's office will be in the utility's Prudenville headquarters.

Prior to his appointment, Anderson held leadership positions in Consumers Energy's electric and natural gas divisions. Most recently, Anderson was electric field manager for Kalamazoo, Allegan and Barry counties. He replaces John Hadder, who retired last year.

Anderson, a Michigan native born in Gladwin, is a 32-year utility veteran. He has bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University and resides in Gladwin.

## Travelogue to feature Gulf coast

On Thursday, February 3, the Crawford AuSable Travel & Adventure Series, in partnership with Fick & Sons, Inc., will present its fifth program in the travelogue series at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School, when Ken Creed presents "Along the Gulf Coast."

Journey north from Key West and experience the natural beauty of Florida's Emerald Coast. Roam through the Cultural city of Sarasota and visit the famous Ringling Museum of Art. The travelogue will visit the "City by the Sea," St. Petersburg, and join in several events from the Sun & Fun Festival. Enjoy water sports, historic tours and festivals at Ft. Myers.

Travel northwest to Tallahassee, and stop to enjoy the sugar white sandy beaches, the emerald green waters, and take a visit to the

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Next, will be a stop in Mobile Alabama to see several historic forts and visit famous Bellingrath Gardens, one of the top five in the nation.

Mississippi is proud of their 26 miles of sugar white beaches which offer the tourist many attractions. Visit Biloxi, see the Jefferson Davis Shrine, go on a Biloxi shrimping trip and the Gulf Coast Aquatic Tour.

The travelogue also visits New Orleans and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, then on to many sites in Texas, including Spanish American War sites along the Mexican border.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students, and are available at the door or by calling 348-7641, ext. 123 or 120.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the show.

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# GHS to host WMU Symphony performance

On Wednesday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m., area audiences are in for a real treat, especially if you enjoy the sounds of a string performance. On that evening, the 85-member Western Michigan University (WMU) String Symphony, under the direction of Professor Bruce Uchimura, will take to the stage of the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School for a rare appearance in the area.

That evening, the Western Michigan University Symphony Orchestra will present "Literature and Music: Great Stories Inspire Great Compositions."

Conductor Uchimura has pro-

grammed music based on famous literature and literary figures of the past.

The music will include excerpts from Sergei Prokofiev's ballet "Romeo & Juliet."

Perhaps the greatest depiction of Shakespeare's famous tale, the work provides a clear portrayal of the emotional highs and lows of the story.

Also included on Wednesday's program is Richard Strauss' "Don Juan," one of the composer's most famous tone poems, a one-move-ment programmatic composition for orchestra.

The work is based on the poem of

the same name by Nicholas Lenan. According to Uchimura, "It is extremely challenging for the orchestra since it depicts so much emotion."

Wednesday's program will begin with an overture to one of the most loved comic operas: "The Barber of Seville" by Gioacchino Rossini.

Uchimura is Professor of Music at WMU where he conducts the University Symphony Orchestra, teaches cello, and coaches chamber ensembles.

He joined the faculty in the fall of 1987, having taught previously at the Augusta College Center for Creative Arts, the Augusta Country

Day School, Michigan State University, and the Preparatory and Adult Education Department of the Cleveland Institute of Music. He is also on the faculty of the Encore School for Strings in Cleveland, OH.

Currently, Uchimura is a member of the Merling Trio with his wife, pianist Susan Wiersma Uchimura, and violinist Renata Artman Knific. The Merling Trio made its New York debut in 1993 in Carnegie's Weill Recital Hall and was one of four ensembles to be invited to the finals of the Naumburg Chamber Music Competition in 1994.

Doors to the Stripe Auditorium open at 6:45 p.m. with the performance beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at the Box Office or at the door.

For more ticket information call 348-7641, ext. 123 or 120.

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## North by Northwest next in Classic Movie Series

Possibly the greatest thriller ever, North by Northwest combines terrific acting, dialogue, cinematography, music and storyline. But the real standout is the editing. If there was ever a film that merited the cliché "a nonstop thrill ride," it's this one. The pace never slackens.

The film features fantastic performances from Cary Grant, James Mason, Eva-Marie Saint and a much-underused Martin Landau. If there's one criticism, it's that Cary Grant is preternaturally unflappable as the urban sophisticate plunged into a living nightmare.

He always retains his self-assured, even arrogant, panache and never panics. In fact, with that ever-present twinkle in his eye, he seems to be getting perverse enjoyment from his own misfortunes. However, his modulated performance remains just the right side of comicality.

Eva-Marie Saint is camera-loved

as the lethal seductress. She seems the perfect Bond girl. Had her star risen a few years later, she'd have been captivating Connery. In fact, this movie shows that Hitchcock could have directed James Bond. It's no secret Bond's film incarnation was modeled to some extent on Cary Grant's suave persona in this film.

Alfred Hitchcock directed the 1959 thriller, voted #18 of the top 250. The film was nominated for the Academy Awards, USA in 1960, the Edgar Allan Poe Awards in 1960, the National Film Preservation Board, USA in 1995, and the San Sebastian International Film Festival in 1959.

As Master of Suspense, Hitchcock presents a 3,000-mile chase across America, as an advertising executive is mistaken for a spy and pursued across the country while he looks for a way to survive.

Tickets for the performances on

Thursday, February 10, are \$5 at the door for both matinee and evening shows.

The Classic Movie Series is a partnership production of the Rialto Theater, Cornell Insurance Agency and the Community Education Program. Doors to the Rialto Theater open at 1:40 p.m. for the 2 p.m. matinee and 6:45 p.m. for the 7 p.m. show.

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## Seniors can make a difference to many Free tax assistance available to seniors

The holidays are over, but that doesn't mean the giving has to cease, according to Laurie Sauer, Volunteer Programs Director at Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency.

Many organizations are in need of the talents and experience senior citizens have to offer.

The Foster Grandparent Program and the Senior Companion Program of Northeast Michigan are asking senior citizens who want to make a difference in the life of a child or older adult to consider joining one of their programs.

Foster Grandparent volunteers spend 20 hours per week working with children one-on-one providing the extra love and support children often need.

Other activities include

tutoring, mentoring, and nurturing. Volunteers work in schools, day care centers, youth centers, facilities for the developmentally disabled, etc.

Studies have shown that children that work with a Foster Grandparent show improvements in the following areas: academic performance, self-esteem, self-confidence, social skills, and overall behavior.

Senior Companions help their peers remain independent.

By visiting with homebound elders, Senior Companions help them keep a connection with their community and reduce their isolation. Not only do they help as a social outlet, the volunteers also help by taking people to doctor's appointments, shopping, or just a day out

of the house.

Family members caring for loved ones at home also benefit from Senior Companions by having a needed break from the demands of care giving.

Volunteers must be age 60 or older, have an income at or below \$10,300 for a household of one or \$13,825 for a household of two. Adjustments of 15% are allowed if there are high medical expenses for the applicant.

There are no educational requirements to be a volunteer.

Applications are being accepted for the following counties: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon.

Direct benefits for the

volunteers are a \$2.55 hourly non-taxable stipend, transportation reimbursement, liability insurance, annual physical, and a meal during service schedules.

The stipend does not count as income for any programs a person is receiving such as Medicaid, food stamps, etc. The most important benefit the volunteers receive, according to Sauer, is knowing that they have made a difference in someone's life.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Foster Grandparent or Senior Companion, please call (517) 356-3474 or toll free 1-877-222-9043, or write to FGP/SCP, 2375 Gordon Rd., Alpena, MI 49707. Share the experience of your lifetime.

Free tax preparation and assistance for all taxpayers with middle- and low-income, targeted to those age 60 and older, is available from February 1 through April 15.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, will be offering help with personal income tax returns at various locations around Crawford County.

Last year, 31,000 AARP Tax-Aide volunteers helped more than 1.5 million older people file their federal, state and local tax returns.

The program is offered at more than 10,000 sites around the country including senior centers, libraries and other convenient locations. Service is also available for homebound individuals.

Green Thumb worker Kathy Andrews will be at

the Commission on Aging Senior Center on Lawndale Street to help with Homestead Property Tax, Prescriptions Credit and Home Heating Credit forms.

Her hours will be: Mondays - 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays - 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also on Thursdays, Marian Gooden, who helped last year, will be at the Center on the following Thursdays: February 10 and 24, March 9 and 23, and April 6.

Please call for an appointment with Kathy at (517) 348-7123 or toll-free, 1-888-344-4500.

For more information regarding locations and times of tax assistance, call toll-free 1-888-AARPNOW (1-888-227-7669), or visit the AARP web site at [www.aarp.org/taxaide/](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide/) to locate an AARP Tax-Aide site near you.

## Health insurance help available for seniors

Are you a senior citizen having trouble sorting through the maze of Medicare and Medicaid? There is help available—the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program.

The Region 9 Area Agency on Aging has available volunteers who are trained specialists in the areas of Medicare and Medicaid health insurance issues.

Health insurance counselors are trained and certified in the various aspects of health insurance and problem resolution that is geared towards assisting senior citizens. The Region 9 Area Agency on Aging provides the training.

Seniors can access these services or general information on Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap, Long-term care insurance, etc.,

by calling the MMAP hotline 1-800-803-7174, ext. 258.

Follow the instructions on the recording and someone will return your call to assist you.

In addition, counselors are available at local senior centers on an appointment basis.

The Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program is available in all twelve

counties of Northeast Michigan; however, new volunteers are needed particularly in Alcona, Arenac, Cheboygan, and Iosco. The MMAP program has been helping seniors since 1984.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this rewarding program can leave a message on the hotline recording and the program coordinator will call with more information.

## Volunteer of the Month

**JANUARY:** Doris Jankowski was selected as the January Volunteer of the Month at the Senior Center.

She has lived in Grayling for 25 years and has been a volunteer at the Center for 10 years. She now volunteers on the reception desk and enjoys greeting the people.

**FEBRUARY:** Mary Parker was selected as February's Volunteer of the Month at the Senior Center.

She has lived in Grayling since 1994, following her retirement from Ohio Wesleyan University and 34 years of coaching sports and teaching Physical Education.

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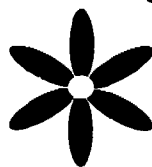
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## FEBRUARY



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<div>Happy Valentine's Day</div>	<div>1:00 - Euchre Club</div> <div>5:30 - Ellie Mae's Country Dance</div>	<div>Hearing Clinic by Appointment</div> <div>5:30 - Wendy's Bingo</div> <div>Groundhog Day</div>	<div>Lucky 7" Casino Trip - 10:30</div> <div>Adult Education 1:00</div>	<div>1:00 Pantry Bingo</div> <div>Sunday Brunch - 10 to 1 Blueberry Pancakes</div>
<div>10:00 - Crafts</div> <div>12:00 - Stag Cards</div> <div>1:00 - RSVP Ladies</div> <div>1:00 - Bridge Club</div> <div>5:30 - "Hangman"</div>	<div>1:00 - Euchre Club</div> <div>5:30 - Trivia</div>	<div>Commodities at the Eagles 9:30-10:30</div> <div>10:00 - Line Dancing</div> <div>12:30 - Stag Cards</div> <div>5:00 - Birthday Dinner &amp; COA White Elephant Auction</div>	<div>11 to Noon Foot Clinic</div> <div>Adult Education 1:00</div> <div>Special Casino Trip and Vaudeville Show for free! Senior's unlimited 10 a.m. at the mall</div>	<div>1:00 - Pantry Bingo</div>
<div>10:00 - Crafts</div> <div>12:00 - Stag Cards</div> <div>1:00 - RSVP Ladies</div> <div>1:00 - Bridge Club</div> <div>5:30 - "Hangman"</div> <div>Valentine's Day</div>	<div>1:00 - Euchre Club</div> <div>Saint Valentine's Dance with Tina at 5:30</div>	<div>Hearing Clinic by Appointment</div> <div>10:00 - Line Dancing</div> <div>12:30 - Stag Cards</div> <div>5:30 - COA Board Meeting</div>	<div>Lucky 7" Casino Trip - 10:30</div> <div>Adult Education - 1:00</div>	<div>1:00 - Pantry Bingo</div> <div>1:30 - Legal Help</div> <div>Pancake Brunch 10 - 1</div>
<div>10:00 - Crafts</div> <div>12:00 - Stag Cards</div> <div>1:00 - RSVP Ladies</div> <div>1:00 - Bridge Club</div> <div>5:30 - "Hangman"</div> <div>President's Day</div>	<div>1:00 - Euchre Club</div> <div>5:30 - Trivia</div>	<div>10:00 - Line Dancing</div> <div>12:30 - Stag Cards</div>	<div>BP's Taken 11 - Noon</div> <div>Adult Education - 1:00</div> <div>5:15 - Speaker Betty Conterdo, RN Type 2 Diabetes</div>	<div>1:00 - Pantry Bingo</div> <div>Potluck - 2 p.m. Bring a Dish to Pass &amp; Tableware</div>
<div>10:00 - Crafts</div> <div>12:00 - Stag Cards</div> <div>1:00 - RSVP Ladies</div> <div>1:00 - Bridge Club</div> <div>5:30 - "Hangman"</div>	<div>1:00 - Euchre Club</div> <div>5:30 - Leap Year Dance Ellie "Daisy" Mae and Jennie Jo Kae</div>	<div>Have A Happy Valentine's Day</div>		

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## OBITUARIES

### Florence L. Lane

Florence L. Lane, 95, of Frederic, died on Thursday, January 27, 2000 at Mercy Manor in Grayling.

Mrs. Lane was born to Albert and Jennie M. (Cochrane) See on March 16, 1904, in Pontiac.

Mrs. Lane married her husband, Dale B. Lane, on June 16, 1931.

She had lived in Frederic since 1974, but while in Pontiac she worked for the state hospital for 20 years as a graduate attendant. She was also a homemaker.

Mrs. Lane was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She enjoyed reading, sewing and, most of all, playing bingo with her friends.

Her children said she was a great mom, "one of the best."

Mrs. Lane was preceded in death by her husband, one daughter-in-law and one son-in-law.

She is survived by two daughters, Barbara Lange of Grayling and Janet (Arnie) Orquist of Waterford; one son, Dale Lane of San Diego, California; 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Friday, January 28 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. A mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, January 29, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church and was officiated by Father Richard T. Sitar.

The place of burial is the Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic.

Memorials may be sent to Mercy Manor.

### James L. Goudie

James L. Goudie, 62, of Frederic and a lifelong resident of Crawford County, died at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on January 26, 2000.

He died after years of smoking took its toll on his lungs and other smoking-related problems arose. Because of his heavy smoking, he spent the last seven to 10 years in and out of the hospital.

Mr. Goudie was born September 10, 1937 in Grayling to James A. and Carrie E. (Lobdell) Goudie.

On June 14, 1963, Mr. Goudie married Joyce E. Cook in Grayling.

He worked for Nelson Tree Service for 12 years as a foreman. Mr. Goudie also worked for 13 years as a line foreman at Asplundh Tree Service.

His family considered him a hard worker and a good provider.

Mr. Goudie ran a Bombardier Brush Hog for most of his life. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing and taking care of his family. He was a member of the National Rifle Association.

Mr. Goudie was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jack.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; two sisters, Leora (Rodney) Jacobs of Alpena and Dorothy Goudie of Grayling; two daughters, Dianna (Reno) Muma of Clare and Carrie (William) LaMotte of Grayling; one son, Art Goudie of Grayling and 10 grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at the Beaver Creek Cemetery in the spring.

### Ollie J. Smith

Ollie J. Smith, 79, of Grayling, died in his home Saturday, January 29, 2000.

He was born February 11, 1920, to Ollie A. and Delia (Demers) Smith in Muskegon.

Mr. Smith married Marjorie Smith on December 7, 1940 in Defiance, Ohio.

He worked as a truck driver and in the chemical and cement industry.

Formerly of Royal Oak, Mr. Smith had lived in Grayling for 50 years.

He was a member of the St. David Episcopal Church in Southfield. A member of the Masonic Lodge #546 and Eastern Star #483, Mr. Smith was also a past master of the Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Smith served with the Navy during WWII in the Naval Air Corp. He also served with the Civilian Conservation Corps, Sixth Corps Area.

He was also one of the few people to ever drive a motor vehicle on Mackinac Island while he was building the beach around the island.

The Smiths enjoyed spending their winters in Mercedes, Texas.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, two sisters, one brother, one daughter, two sons, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A Masonic memorial service will be held in the spring by the Berkeley Masonic Lodge #546.

### Erva B. Malone

Erva B. Malone, 93, of Grayling, died in her home on Tuesday, January 25, 2000.

Mrs. Malone was born January 22, 1908, to Edward and Rosella (Macey) Boyd in Custer.

Mrs. Malone was formerly of Bloomfield Hills and Detroit. It was in Detroit that she married her husband, Michael J. Malone, on June 15, 1928.

She had lived in Grayling since 1972, was a homemaker and enjoyed the area wildlife as well as the AuSable River.

Mrs. Malone also supported the Crawford County Animal Shelter.

She was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Malone was preceded in death by her husband, Michael; three sisters, Eva Robertson, Leona Hosner and Julia Grimshaw; and one brother, Loren Boyd.

She is survived by three sisters, Ruth Martell of Romeo, Beulah O'Dell of Farmington Hills and Eleanor Bush of Lapeer; two brothers, Donald (Judith) Boyd of Grayling and Norman (Glennie) Boyd of Silverwood; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

There will be a spring burial with graveside service at the Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

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- When you do shovel, push the snow straight ahead; don't try to throw it. Walk it to the snow bank. Avoid sudden twisting and turning motions.
- Bend your knees to lift when shovelling. Let the muscles of your legs and arms do the work, not your back.
- Take frequent rest breaks to take the strain off your muscles. A fatigued body asks for injury.
- Stop if you feel chest pain, or get really tired or have shortness of breath. You may need immediate professional help.

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## Wallace and Hatfield to wed



**ENGAGED** - Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wallace of Frederic announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer Ann Marie, a Grayling High School graduate and currently enrolled at Saginaw Valley State University, to Jason Hatfield, also a Grayling High School graduate, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Hatfield of Grayling. A May 13, 2000 wedding is being planned.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for your week ahead: age may wrinkle the face, but lack of enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

Take care of yourself in the wintry weather. Beware of slippery sidewalks, steps and, for heaven's sake, wear your boots! Don't you dare fall and break something important.

Special announcement concerning the surplus TEFAP food. It will be distributed on Tuesday, February 15th at the Eagles Club from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the food that is given out every three months.

Lots of things are going on in the next few weeks:

February 2: Ground Hog's Day (will he see his shadow or not?) At the Center, however, a Hearing Clinic will be held by appointment, and at 5:30 p.m. Bingo is scheduled

at Wendy's.

February 3: Lucky 7 Casino trip is leaving at 10:30 a.m.

February 4: Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.

February 6: Sunday brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. featuring blueberry pancakes.

February 7: Foot Clinic by appointment and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

February 8: Trivia at 5:30 p.m.

February 9: Commodities (monthly) distributed at the Eagles Club from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and the monthly birthday dinner at 5 p.m. with the COA White Elephant Auction after dinner.

February 10: BP's taken 'til noon and the Special Casino trip with Seniors Unlimited leaves for Mt.

## 46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Sentencings from November, 1999 through January, 2000

Appearing before the Honorable Alton T. Davis:

Jack J. Robinson of Grayling - Delivery/Manufacture Marijuana; sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for one day, ordered to pay \$250 fine, \$250 court costs, \$150 restitution, \$60 to Crime Victims' Fund, \$350 attorney fees, placed on 24 months probation, plus a six-month drivers license suspension.

Frank Douglas McLeod of Flint - Probation Violations; sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for two days; probation terminated.

Ricky Junior Nelson of Grayling - Criminal Sexual Conduct First Degree; sentenced to 108 to 204 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections with credit for 204 days.

Kerry Itaskie Harrington of Grayling - Negligent Homicide; sentenced to 180 days in jail that was held in abeyance; ordered to pay \$300 court costs, \$60 to Crime Victims' Fund, must perform 1,000 hours of community service and placed on 18 months probation.

Jerry Joseph Gildner of Grayling -

Delivery/Manufacture Marijuana; sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for one day, ordered to pay \$250 fine, \$250 court costs, \$150 restitution, \$60 to Crime Victims' Fund, \$350 attorney fees, placed on 24 months probation, plus a six-month drivers license suspension.

Nicholas James Lovely of Grayling - Breaking & Entering with Intent; sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 74 days, ordered to pay \$300 court costs, \$800 restitution, \$60 to Crime Victims' Fund, \$350 attorney fees, placed on probation for 36 months.

Davy Albert Ray of Grayling - Home Invasion First Degree; sentenced to 36 to 240 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections, with credit for 222 days, ordered to pay \$60 to Crime Victims' Fund and \$400 restitution.

Appearing before the Honorable Dennis F. Murphy:

Jason W. Coulter of Grayling - Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle; ordered to pay \$100 fine, \$300 court costs, \$50 to Crime Victims' Fund, placed on 12 months probation, license suspended 30 days and must perform 30 hours of community service.

David William Renon of Grayling - Assault with Intent to Rob While Armed; sentenced to 36 to 240 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections, ordered to pay \$2,105.58 restitution and \$60 to Crime Victims' Fund.

Todd Wade Sandelius of Cadillac - OUIL 3rd; sentenced to 330 days in jail with credit for 23 days, ordered to pay \$500 fine, \$300 court costs, \$60 to Crime Victims' Fund, placed on 24 months probation, drivers license revoked.

Jeffrey John Hoesli of Grayling - Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle; sentenced to 270 days in jail, ordered to pay \$250 fine, \$250 court costs, restitution to be determined, \$60 to Crime Victims' Fund, \$350 attorney fees, placed on 36 months probation.

## CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

Grayling Winter Fun Days book sale will be Thursday and Friday, February 10 and 11 at the Crawford County Library's Children's Room.

The book sale will start at 10 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. Star books are

priced at \$1 each, other hardcovers are 25¢ each and paperback are 10¢ each.

Proceeds from the sale go to the sponsors, the Friends of the Crawford County Library. The pri-

mary goal of the group is to get a new library built.

Friends of the Library Poster/Essay Contest continues until February 7. First prize is a \$100 government bond and 2nd place is a \$50 government bond. Honorable mentions will receive \$10.

Join the Friends of the Library, call 348-9214 or Shirley Schmook 348-5132.

## ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Whaley of Grayling and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McConnell of Swartz Creek, Michigan announce the engagement of their daughter, LaWanda Lynn Whaley of Grayling, to Lewis Steven Johnson, also of Grayling. Johnson is the son of Lewis and Kay Johnson of Grayling and Gwen and Howard Hasselhuhn of Midland, Michigan.

The bride-elect is employed at North Central Community Mental Health. Her fiancé is employed at Custom Forest Products. A July 8, 2000 wedding is planned.

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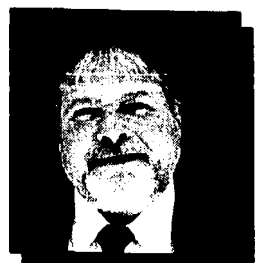
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## Wrestling team takes 6th at Gaylord

► Vikings place sixth out of 23 teams at invitational tournament

The GHS wrestling team took sixth out of 23 teams at the Gaylord Invitational Northern Michigan Championship tournament this past Saturday, and five Grayling wrestlers won medals for their individual performances.

Medal winners for GHS were: Matt Evon (125), 2nd place; Josh Niederer (130), 3rd; Chris Peters (171), 4th; Victor CdeBaca (189), 4th; and Larry Baker (152), 5th.

Scott Bearss (103) took a 7th place, and Marianne Vollmer (112) placed 8th.

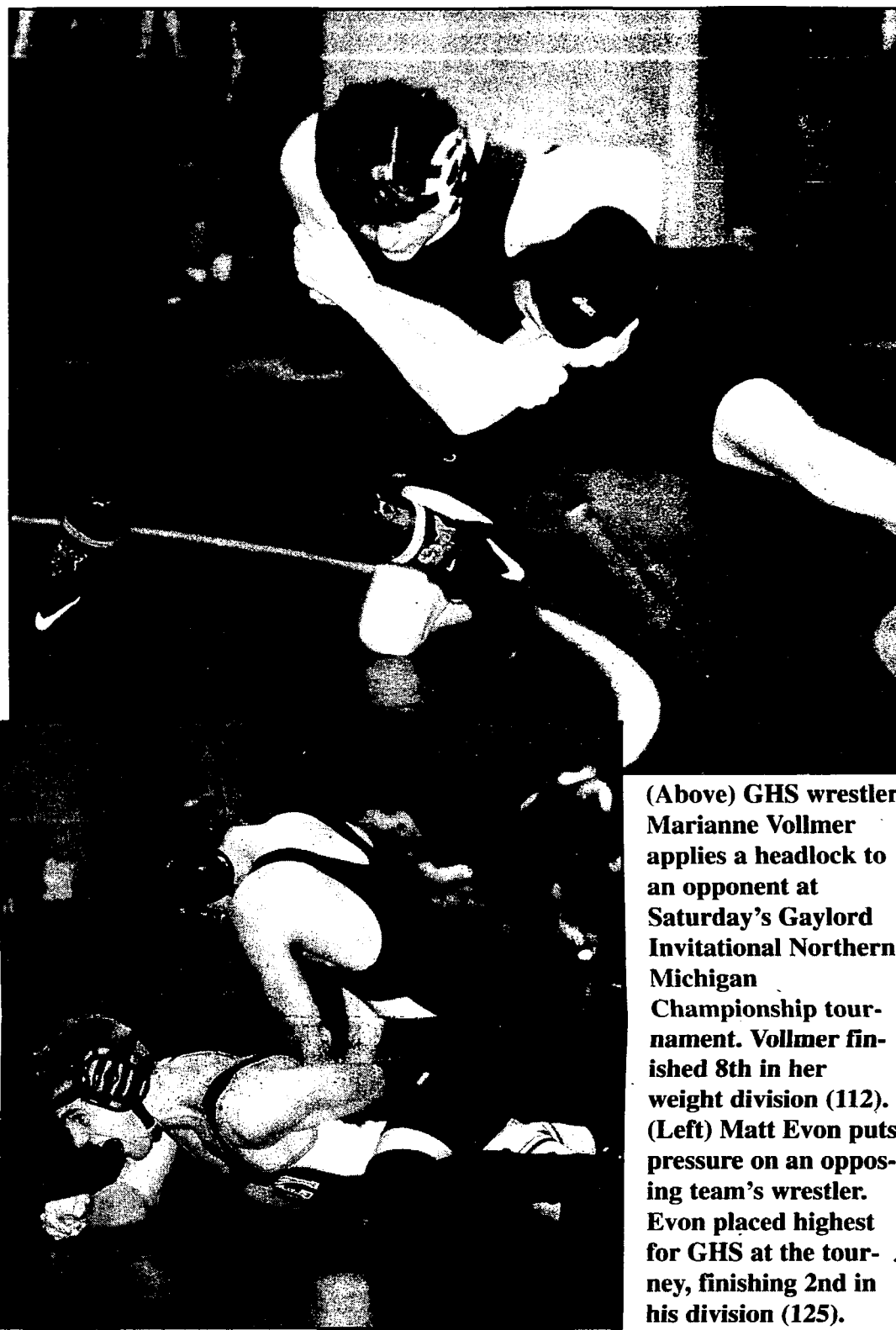
The field of teams at the Gaylord tourney included squads from Roscommon, Munising, Gaylord, Gladstone, Petoskey, Escanaba, Whittemore-Prescott, Alpena, Cadillac, Ogemaw, Cheboygan, Sault Ste. Marie, Kalkaska, Charlevoix, St. Ignace, Standish Sterling, Houghton Lake, Rogers City, Onaway, Oscoda, Mio, and Pinconning.

Also last week, the Vikings wrestled against Pinconning and Tawas at Pinconning. Grayling defeated Tawas 39-37, but lost to Pinny 39-34.

Earning team points for GHS in the victory over Tawas were: Vollmer (112 lbs), 6 points, bye; Andy Palmer (119), 6, pin; Evon (125), 6, pin; Niederer (130), 6, pin; Baker (152), 6, pin; Peters (171), 3, 7-1 decision; CdeBaca (189), 6, pin.

In the narrow loss to Pinny, the following Vikings won points: Palmer (119), 6, pin; Evon (125), 6, pin; Niederer (130), 6, pin; Baker (152), 6, pin; Peters (171), 5, 15-0 decision; CdeBaca (189), 6, pin.

On Saturday, February 5, the Vikings will wrestle at Gladwin. The team will host a meet on February 10 at 6 p.m.



(Above) GHS wrestler Marianne Vollmer applies a headlock to an opponent at Saturday's Gaylord Invitational Northern Michigan Championship tournament. Vollmer finished 8th in her weight division (112). (Left) Matt Evon puts pressure on an opposing team's wrestler. Evon placed highest for GHS at the tourney, finishing 2nd in his division (125).

## Ski team keeps win streak alive

► GHS boys top previously unbeaten Mt. Pleasant; league win streak at 19

The GHS boys ski team defeated Mt. Pleasant and Harrison last Thursday to stay unbeaten in league meets. Grayling's girls team beat Harrison, but fell to Mt. Pleasant.

Also last week, the Vikings raced in Gaylord's North Energy Invitational at Treetops. Gaylord's boys and girls teams each took first place in the meet. The Grayling boys took second, finishing ahead of Inland Lakes, Mt. Pleasant, and Saginaw Valley. The Viking girls took fourth place out of the five competing teams.

In the boys competition, the top GHS finisher was Matt Ginther with a 4th in slalom and a DQ in giant slalom (GS). Ray Trudgeon placed 6th and 8th, Derek Quick 9th and 11th, Jason Boreo 16th and 9th, Paul Jansen was 14th in both races, and Keil Clough took 25th and 16th.

For the girls, Andrea Alvarez was the top Viking finisher with a 16th in slalom and a 14th in GS. Kelly Jansen placed 19th and 12th, Andy Holzbauer placed 25th and 21st, and Lesley Gilbert took 28th in both races.

The next day (Thursday, January 27) the Vikings skied at Silver Ridge against Central Michigan Alpine Ski League rivals Mt. Pleasant and Harrison. Both the Mt. Pleasant and Grayling boys teams were undefeated in league competition.

Grayling beat both Mt. Pleasant and Harrison to remain undefeated at 8-0 in league play. The wins extended the team's conference meet win streak to 19.

Top skiers for the boys were: Ginther with three 1st place finishes and one 2nd; Quick with three thirds and a 5th; Trudgeon with two

fourths and two fifths; and Jansen with a 2nd, 4th, 6th and 9th.

Boreo placed 5th, 7th and had two eighths; Clough placed 6th and 7th in GS, and John Herrick took 7th and 10th in slalom.

"It was a great win on Mt. Pleasant's hill," said Coach Mike Wieland. "We skied real hard in giant slalom and led 17-23, then skied a solid slalom race to match Mt. Pleasant's charge and won slalom 17-19 and the meet 34-42."

The Vikings beat Harrison by a sizeable margin, 23-61.

In the girls competition, Grayling defeated Harrison 33-39, with Alvarez and Kelly Jansen leading the team. Alvarez placed 1st in GS and 3rd in slalom. Jansen placed 3rd in GS and 2nd in slalom. Holzbauer took fifth in both races, and Gilbert placed 7th in both.

The Mt. Pleasant girls continued their march towards a league title defeating both Grayling and Harrison. Team scores were Mt. Pleasant 23-Grayling 60 and Mt. Pleasant 22-Harrison 62.

Alvarez placed 3rd and 8th against MP. Jansen was 5th and 6th, Holzbauer placed 9th in both races, and Gilbert took 10th in both.

"The girls are starting to improve and will look forward to the Grayling Burger King Meet," said Coach Wieland.

The Burger King Invitational will be held on Thursday, February 3, at Hanson Hills. Racing will begin at 3 p.m. Participating teams will include Grayling, Harrison, and Roscommon.

"It will be good competition for the girls with Roscommon holding the winning record so far this season," Wieland said.

The GHS ski team has a hectic upcoming schedule: the Vikings will race in Grayling on Thursday; at Silver Ridge on Friday; at Treetops on Saturday, February 5; and at Crystal Mountain on Monday, February 7.

## Varsity team beats G's, downed by Bay City

► Vikings defeat Gladwin at home, lose road match to BCJG Bobcats

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS varsity basketball team overcame foul trouble, an injury, and a fourth-quarter Gladwin run to win its second straight conference match last Tuesday, defeating the Flying G's 74-63.

Though the Vikings won by 11, the game was closer than the final score indicates. Grayling maintained a lead for most of the match, but the Vikings had to finish strong to win, after Gladwin tied the game early in the fourth quarter.

The first quarter was closely contested, with neither team able to gain any significant ground. The eight-minute period featured six ties and two lead changes.

Nate Hinkle scored a jumper on an assist by Joe Fritz with 2:00 left in the quarter to tie the match at 12-12. A free throw by Dave Hawkins gave Grayling a one-point edge, then Hinkle got a steal at mid-court and scored a fast break jam to put Grayling up by three.

Gladwin scored a shot inside, then a long jumper by Eli Tobin near the end of the quarter gave Grayling a

17-14 lead going into the second period.

The Vikings owned the first half of the second quarter; Gladwin took over in the second half of the period.

Grayling outscored the Flying G's 14-4 in the first four minutes of the second quarter.

The Gladwin defense had a tough time containing Grayling's offense. Fritz and Hawkins did a good job of battling for position and rebounds in the paint, on both ends of the court. Hinkle and Hawkins knocked down jumpers, and guards Tobin and Brad Gorski distributed the ball well, in addition to scoring a couple nice drives to the basket.

Grayling led 31-18.

Then Gladwin's offense took control. The G's scored eight unanswered points in the next two minutes to cut the Viking lead to five, 31-26.

Hawkins scored two free throws on a one and one chance with 1:49 left to put Grayling up by seven. Gladwin answered with a shot inside. On the Grayling end, Hawkins grabbed a rebound, went back up, and was fouled. The basket was good, and he converted the free throw for a three-point play.

Gladwin scored the last three points of the quarter. The G's hit one of two free throws with 0:49

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## Longtime local sports helper honored



In a presentation made prior to the varsity basketball game at Grayling High School two weeks ago, Mike Schearer (right) was recognized in a special presentation for his help with local sports programs. Varsity basketball team coach Rich Moffit spoke on behalf of the GHS athletic department, recognizing the work Schearer has done for the football, basketball and baseball programs over the course of many years. Bill Klinger (left) presented a plaque to Schearer in appreciation of his years of volunteer service to Grayling athletics. Schearer has indicated this will be his last year helping with the sports programs.

## 7th grade team ends regular season 9-0

► With wins over Kalkaska & Gaylord GMS extends win streak to 9 games

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GMS 7th grade basketball (green) team finished the regular season undefeated, posting a perfect 9-0 record. The Vikings beat Kalkaska 47-35 and defeated Gaylord 48-21 for wins eight and nine.

For victory number eight, the Vikings traveled to Kalkaska on January 24 to face the Blue Blazers, a team the Vikings hadn't played yet this season.

"We didn't know what to expect because the first meeting was canceled, but the Vikings stepped it up and beat a good Blue Blazer team," said Coach Mark Hartman. "With half of the team scoring and good defense from Matt Swope, Jess Bobenmoyer, and Doug Webb, the Vikings were able to go 8-0."

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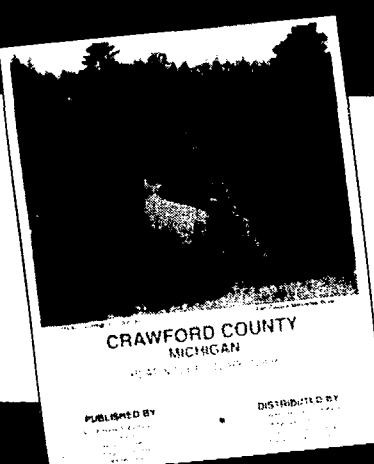
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## JV Vikes edge Bobcats, fall to Gladwin

► Grayling splits, defeating BCJG but losing to Gladwin in week number seven

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The GHS JV basketball team won one and lost one last week, defeating the Bay City John Glenn Bobcats at Bay City but falling to Gladwin at home.

Last Friday, the JV Vikings beat BCJG by five points, with a final score of 55-50. Nick D'Amour led the way on the offensive end with 19 points. Mike Hale scored seven points, and Dan Mead, Larry Baynham, and Wes Fox each scored six.

"We played very well the first half," said Coach Butch Hayes. "We attacked and boxed out well. The second half we matched them and did some very nice things down the stretch to end the game."

On Tuesday, January 25, the JV team fell to the visiting Flying G's of Gladwin 62-56 at Grayling.

The Vikings played a good first quarter of basketball, outscoring Gladwin 15-11. Grayling played with a lot of intensity at the defensive end, especially early in the period.

Gladwin opened the game with a triple. R.J. Schmidt answered with a three-pointer of his own, scoring the first points of what would end up an 11-0 run for the Vikes.

The streak also included two free

throws by D'Amour, a baseline move to the hole by Schmidt, and two buckets inside by Mead.

After three scoreless minutes for Gladwin, the G's started to get a little offense going, including a 6-0 run near the end of the first quarter. Schmidt scored the last points of the period on an inside shot with help from a good feed by Mead, putting the Grayling lead at 15-11 going into the second quarter.

Physical battles inside the paint started to heat up in the second, setting the pace for the rest of the match. Baynham and Mead did a good job fighting for the ball down low for Grayling.

Both teams fought hard for position and scoring inside, and a lot of fouls resulted.

A total of 19 free throws were shot by the two teams in the second quarter alone. (Grayling shot 7/10, Gladwin 6/9.)

The Vikings maintained a steady lead until late in the second quarter.

With just under three minutes left in the half Mead hit four free throws on two trips to the line to give Grayling a 31-23 lead.

Gladwin then scored two buckets to cut the Viking lead to four, 31-27. A free throw by D'Amour at the 1:05 mark put Grayling up five.

The G's then hit a three pointer, and scored another triple with two seconds left on the clock to take a one-point edge into the locker room at halftime, 33-32.

Gladwin's late first half momentum carried over into the third quarter. Grayling struggled offensively,

but kept the game close for most of the period. Late in the third quarter, Gladwin scored a basket inside and a three-pointer at 18 seconds remaining to lead 49-41.

The G's started to pull away early in the fourth. A Gladwin put-back with 5:45 left in the game gave the G's a 10-point lead, 53-43.

The Vikings got a couple back on a free throw by Fox, a breakaway lay-up by Nate Frankina, and a put-back by Schmidt.

After a time-out, Gladwin scored a bucket, which Grayling answered with a triple by Schmidt at the 2:51 mark. The shot put Grayling within four, 55-51. The game was in reach.

On Gladwin's next possession Mead blocked a shot, and Schmidt picked up the loose ball. Mead got the ball back at the offensive end, and was fouled. He missed the one and one chance and Gladwin got the ball.

Following a Grayling time-out, the Vikings had to foul to stop the clock. Grayling was called for an intentional foul on the play, a technical foul.

With 1:35 left, Gladwin hit one of two free throws and got possession of the ball due to the technical foul call. The score was G's 56, Vikings 51.

Gladwin got the ball in, but turned it over. The G's then got a steal, but solid offensive pressure by the Vikes on the Gladwin ball-carrier resulted in another turnover by the G's.

With 1:11 left, D'Amour hit a short jumper off the glass to pull the Vikings within three, 56-53. The

game would come down to free throws.

Grayling was forced to foul. With 51 seconds left, Gladwin hit two free throws on a one and one opportunity to go up 58-53.

The Vikings were unable to score on their resulting possession, and had to foul Gladwin again as the G's got the ball back.

On another one and one chance, Gladwin hit two important shots from the stripe at 0:31 left to go up seven, 60-53.

D'Amour then drove the ball down the court for Grayling, scoring a lay-up and drawing the foul. He converted the free throw for a three-point play.

Grayling put Gladwin back at the line for another one and one with 19 seconds left. The G's hit the first, but missed the second.

Frankina rebounded the miss, but Grayling couldn't put a shot in at the other end. Gladwin rebounded, and Grayling fouled.

Now into bonus, the G's hit one of two free throws with eight seconds remaining in the game. The Vikings would not score again.

Gladwin picked up the victory, winning by a final score of 62-56.

For Grayling, Schmidt was the top scorer with 20 points. Mead added 11; D'Amour and Frankina each scored eight points.

"I felt we came out strong," said Coach Hayes. "They made a couple big shots just before half and took the lead. I think that stunned us a little. We came out in the second half and couldn't match their intensity. We controlled the tempo the first half, they controlled it the second half."

The Vikings will host Standish on Friday, February 4, and Pinconning on Tuesday, February 8.

## 7th grade team ends regular season 9-0

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Gib Tobin had a solid offensive game, scoring 25 points for GMS. Josh Hinkle, James Gault, T.J. Luke, Ray Nichols, Ryan Davis, and Travis Brush also scored for the Vikings.

The team won its ninth consecutive game of the year at home against the Gaylord Blue Devils last Wednesday, finishing the regular season undefeated.

"With an all-around team effort, the Vikings extended their winning streak to nine. A combination of balanced scoring and good defense helped get the win against a good Gaylord team," said Coach Hartman. "We got some good defensive play from Ray Nichols, Adam Gilbert, and Nick Sala."

Tobin led the well-balanced scoring attack with 17 points. Davis scored 15, Bobenmoyer six, and Hinkle and Schmidt each scored five points.

The team will play in the Houghton Lake Tournament on February 7 and 9.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### WEEK #9 RESULTS:

Game #1 Thermogas 78-Lange Vending 58. Thermogas - Williams 34, Church Jr. 17, Patterson 14, Church Sr. 11; Langes - Longendyke 28

Game #2 Sawmill 81 - Glens 50. Sawmill - Kirk 25, Dent 23, Doremire 16, Burrell 11; Glens - Northrup 17, C. Derenzy 12

Game #3 Holiday Inn 63-Charles

49. Holiday Inn - Nielson 21; Charles - Anderson 15. Ed Baynham 14, Madsen 10

Game #4 Spikes 69-Margretheville 58. Spikes - Krey 23, Juntilla 18, Kolka 11; Margretheville - Trenary 18, Dandy 15, Hull 14

### WEEK #10 RESULTS:

Game #1 Lange Vending 70-Charles 62. Langes - Longendyke 26, Diponio 13, Donahoe 11; Charles - Ed Baynham 23, Anderson 18, Madsen 14, Mertes 10

Game #2 Sawmill 76-Margretheville 52. Sawmill - Dent 26, Enos 14, Doremire 11, Pummell 11, Contreras 11; Margretheville -

Ruddy 21, Gothro 13, Dandy 11


Game #3 Holiday Inn 55-Thermogas 45. Holiday Inn - Nielson 19, Mead 16; Thermogas - Patterson 15, Hopp 10

Game #4 Glens 89-Spikes 68. Glens - C. Derenzy 26, Grant 21, J. Derenzy 14; Spikes - Krey 31, J. Gardiner 21


### Standings After Week #10

Sawmill ..... 9 - 0  
Lange Vending ..... 7 - 2  
Thermogas ..... 6 - 3  
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## JV, freshmen volleyball teams fall to WBOH

► JV girls unable to stem comeback efforts by Ogemaw, lose series 2-0

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Grayling's JV volleyball team lost a two-of-three series to West Branch Ogemaw Heights last Wednesday in Grayling, falling to the visiting Falcons by scores of 16-14 and 15-11. The Vikings led late in both matches, but were unable to finish.

In game one, the first seven serving chances failed to yield any points. Ogemaw broke the 0-0 stalemate with an ace. An ace by Ashley Wolcott on Grayling's serve tied the match at 1-1.

The Falcons won the serve back, then scored three points to go up by three, 4-1.

A shot by Lori Hinkle at the net got GHS the ball. With Danielle Beckwith serving, Grayling scored three to tie the match at 4-4, including an ace by Beckwith and a well-placed shot by Hinkle on a good set by Jamie Dent.

Ogemaw scored the next point, then the Vikings tied the match on Andrea Duncley's serve with a kill by Hinkle.

The Falcons then scored two points to lead 7-5.

A serve by Ogemaw out of bounds brought the ball back to Grayling's side. Strong serving by Dent, including three aces, helped GHS score some points and take the lead. Hinkle capped two volleys for points, scoring on a kill and a nice block up front. Grayling led 11-7.

WBOH won back the serve and scored on an ace, pulling within three.

A good dig by Dent set up Hinkle for a shot up front, winning the serve back for GHS. Hinkle took the serving spot and chalked up two aces to put Grayling up 13-8.

West Branch scored two points to cut the Viking lead to three, 13-10.

After a few scoreless serving chances for both teams, GHS scored on Beckwith's serve to bring up game point Grayling, 14-10.

The Falcons answered with an ace on their serve. Grayling had several chances with the ball, but couldn't get the 15th point.

Ogemaw chipped away at the lead, and eventually tied the score. On the same serving opportunity, the Falcons went up by one, 15-14.

A long Ogemaw shot out of bounds brought the ball back to Grayling's side. The Vikings couldn't score a point, and Ogemaw finished the match on their next possession to win 16-14.

Ogemaw opened game two with an ace. A spike by Hinkle got the ball back for Grayling. On Dent's serve, Wolcott found an open spot on the floor to tie the match at 1-1. GHS then scored two more points on the serving chance, including a hit up front by Hinkle. To go up by two, 3-1.

The Falcons scored the next two points to tie the match at 3-3.

Grayling scored a point on Hinkle's serve, then Ogemaw served two aces. Stacey Kuhn tied the game at 5-5 with an ace for GHS.

After a few scoreless serves, the Vikings got back on the board with two points on Beckwith's serve, including an ace. Ogemaw scored the next point to put the score at GHS 7, WBOH 6.

With Duncley serving, the Vikings scored four points, two on aces by the server.

Grayling led 11-8, but the Vikings wouldn't score the rest of the match. Ogemaw eventually got to 15 points, winning the game 15-11 and the series 2-0.

Playing on the other court, the GHS freshmen volleyball team took on the West Branch Ogemaw



**JV VOLLEYBALL --** The '99/00 JV volleyball team: (front, left to right) Jamie Dent, Ashley Wolcott. (middle, left to right) Stacey Kuhn, Lori Ellis, Ashley Nelson. (back, left to right) Alexis Sumner, Jessica Strait, Emily Whitney, Bitsy Hellebuyck, Danielle Beckwith, Gina Thompson, Jenny Lehman, Andrea Duncley, Coach Donna Boughner.



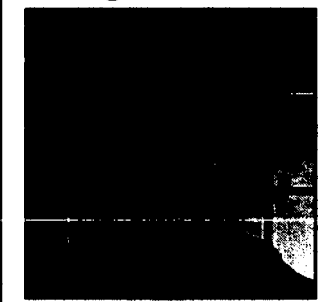
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Heights freshmen. WBOH won the two-of-three series 2-0, beating Grayling by scores of 15-12 and 15-9.

The JV and freshmen girls teams will play at Pinconning on Monday, February 7. The squads will travel to Oscoda on Wednesday, February 9. The next home meet for the JV and freshmen teams will be held on Monday, February 21, versus Gaylord.

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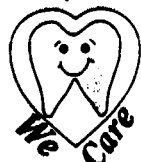
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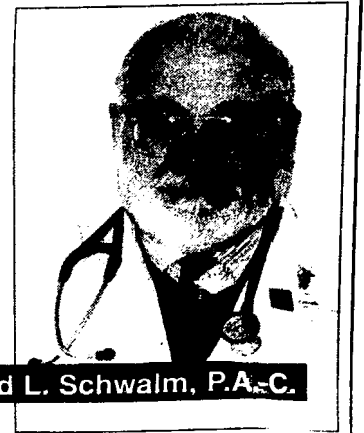
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# Varsity girls win series over Falcons

► Vikes dominate early, play well enough later to knock off WB 2-0

by Caleb Casey  
 Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity volleyball team defeated the visiting Falcons of West Branch Ogemaw Heights last Wednesday, beating WBOH 15-9 and 15-11 to win the two-of-three series 2-0.

The Vikings dominated Ogemaw early in the first game, racking up a 10-0 lead.

Kristy Hulbert's serving led GHS to a quick four points to open the match, three of which were aces.

After a couple scoreless serving chances by both teams, the Vikings went on another run, this time for six points. Jenny Phillips was the server. Mel Paxton scored three points with some good hits up front, including a powerful shot through the Ogemaw blockers at the net.

Paxton and Mika Sumner played well from the front line, and Hulbert

provided some good sets to the Viking hitters.

With Grayling leading 10-0, WBOH got possession of the ball and scored one point on an ace. Later, Ogemaw scored two more to put the score at 10-3, Grayling's lead.

A tapped shot from Phillips at the net got the ball back for GHS. Grayling scored two more points, one on an ace by the server (Hulbert) to take a 12-3 lead.

Ogemaw then scored one on a block to put the score at 12-4.

After a few scoreless serving rounds, GHS took control of the ball on a nice hit by Paxton up front to the far side of the court. Then, on Brandy Ritter's serve, Paxton scored a point on a hard hit near the net. Ogemaw returned a GHS hit long and out-of-bounds to put the match at game point, 14-4.

Grayling had some trouble finishing off the Falcons, as WBOH fought off the GHS serving chances and scored occasional points to slowly get back in the game.

With the GHS lead at 14-9, a nice set by Hulbert to the front line ended

in a kill by Arica Wolcott, giving Grayling the serve. The resulting volley finished with a shot by Phillips that hit the top of the net and went over, falling to the floor on Ogemaw's side and winning the match for GHS 15-9.

In game two, especially early on, the Vikings looked flat, but played well enough to pull out the win. The Falcons played better than they had in game one, and held a lead several times in the match.

WB scored the first three points of the game. Grayling got one back, then on a separate scoring chance, got one more on an ace by server Phillips. Another Ogemaw point made the score WB 4, GHS 2.

The Vikings then took the lead with three straight points on Sumner's serve, including one on a good shot at the net by Paxton that overpowered the Ogemaw blockers.

Later, on Paxton's serve, Wolcott scored a kill to put GHS up 6-4.

West Branch scored two points to tie the game at 6-6. Grayling got a point, then Ogemaw scored two to retake the lead. On a later serving chance, the Falcons scored two

more points to extend their lead to 10-7.

Grayling then got two scores on Hulbert's serve. Ogemaw answered with a point, then lost the serve with the score at West Branch 11, Grayling 9.

With Wolcott serving, Hulbert set up Ritter for a score, and Wolcott hit all floor on the next serve for an ace, tying the game at 11-11. After a long volley, and a good save by Hulbert to keep the ball alive on the GHS side, Ogemaw hit long for Grayling's 12th point.

Ogemaw got the serve back, but Grayling held. GHS scored one more on Ritter's serve to go up 13-11.

WBOH took possession of the ball, but again Grayling held off the Falcon attack. Sumner then served up two aces to seal the game for Grayling, 15-11, and win the series 2-0.

On Saturday, February 5, the Vikes will play in Rogers City. On Wednesday, February 9, the team will head to Oscoda for a series against the Owls. The Vikes will host Gaylord on February 21.

# Varsity team beats G's, downed by Bay City

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 remaining, then with time running out, a battle for the ball under the Gladwin basket knocked the ball up in the air and into the cylinder just before the halftime buzzer.

Grayling led by five at the half, 36-31.

Both teams scored 17 points in the third period, leaving the Viking lead at five going into the fourth quarter.

Hawkins continued to dominate the boards, controlling both the offensive and defensive glass.

Gladwin outscored the Vikings early in the third, pulling within one point at the 5:50 mark with a triple.

Grayling countered with a put-back by Gorski, then scored again later on a Gorski jumper. Gladwin hit one of two free throws, then the

Vikings went up by six on a two-handed slam by Hinkle on a good pass by Tobin.

Gladwin scored two points inside, then Hinkle scored an acrobatic tip-in for Grayling to put the score at 48-42, Vikings on top. Hinkle, however, collided with another player and landed awkwardly on the tip-in play, forcing him to leave the game due to ankle trouble.

After a Gladwin bucket, the Vikes scored on a tip-in by Fritz. Then, Hawkins was fouled on a strong move to the basket, and hit one of two to put the Vikings up by seven, 51-44.

The G's scored another bucket inside, which Grayling answered with a tip-in by Hawkins.

With 17 seconds left in the third, Hawkins picked up his fourth foul. Gladwin took advantage of the one and one chance, hitting the first then the second shot.

Grayling led 53-48 after three quarters of play.

Gladwin opened the fourth quarter with five quick points on a shot inside and a three-pointer, tying the game at 53-53.

Hinkle checked back into the game at 7:27, despite the noticeable ankle injury. Fritz picked up his fourth foul early in the fourth quarter.

With the score tied, the Vikings had two key players (Fritz and Hawkins) in serious foul trouble and their top scorer playing hurt. Gladwin appeared to have the momentum.

Grayling scored the next bucket, a

shot inside by Fritz on a dish by Hawkins. Gladwin then tied it up at 55-55.

With 5:51 remaining, Hinkle hit a three-pointer. On Gladwin's next trip down the floor, Fritz fouled out, picking up his fifth. The G's missed the first of the one and one, and Grayling took control.

The Vikings scored on a drive by Tobin. He was fouled, and put in the free throw for a three-point play. Grayling got the ball back, and Tobin scored again on a strong move to the basket. With 3:56 left, Hawkins capped the 10-0 run by the Vikings with a jump shot. Grayling led by 10, 65-55.

After a scoreless two minutes for Gladwin's offense, the G's got on the board with two free throws. Hawkins fouled out on the play, picking up his fifth.

Gladwin had to foul to keep the clock from running, so the game would come down to free throws.

At the 3:05 mark, Gorski hit two on a one and one opportunity giving Grayling a 10-point lead, 67-57.

Gladwin failed to score, and Grayling managed to kill some time off the clock.

The G's were forced to gamble on defense and go for a steal, which left Adam Knapp wide open under the basket. Knapp scored the bucket at 1:33 remaining putting Grayling up by 12, 69-57.

The Vikings got the ball back, and Gorski was fouled. He hit one of two on the bonus chance to put Grayling up 13.

With 55 seconds left, Gladwin hit

two free throws, cutting the lead to 11. The G's then cut the Viking lead to nine with a tip-in.

On Grayling's next possession, Gladwin fouled Hinkle. He hit both on the bonus opportunity. Gladwin scored a bucket, then fouled the Grayling ball carrier.

Gorski went to the line with two seconds on the clock. He hit both shots, resulting in the final score of Grayling 74, Gladwin 63.

"Our kids played very well down the stretch when Gladwin tied the game at 53. We outscored them 21-10 down the stretch. We had outstanding balance and our kids showed some toughness throughout the game," Coach Rich Moffit said.

All five of Grayling's starters hit double digits in scoring in the match. Hawkins and Hinkle led with 19 apiece. Tobin and Gorski each scored 11, and Fritz had 10.

Hawkins led the team in rebounds with 11, and led the Vikings in assists with eight.

Last Friday, the Vikings lost a road game to Bay City John Glenn by eight points, 58-50.

Hinkle was the GHS high scorer with 16 points. Gorski scored six points and led the team in assists with five.

The team is now 6-6 for the season overall, 5-4 in the North East Michigan Conference.

On Friday, February 4, the Vikings will host Standish Sterling. On Tuesday, February 8, Grayling will host Pinconning. The Vikings will play at Saginaw Valley Lutheran on Friday, February 11.

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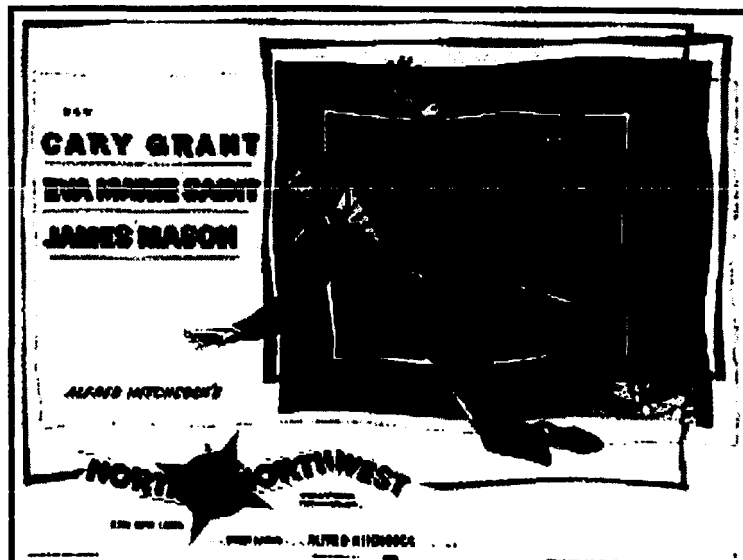
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## BOWLING LEAGUE

### National First

Forest Brothers ..... 23 - 5  
Faustman's Insurance ..... 19 - 9  
Swamp II ..... 19 - 9  
Hellebuyck Masonry ..... 15 - 13  
Guns & Grubs ..... 14.5 - 13.5  
Northern Whitetail ..... 9 - 19  
Grayling Ford ..... 7 - 21  
Century 21 ..... 5.5 - 22.5  
High Game: T. Kotrash, 247; T. Sowinski, 235; J. Thayer, 226.  
High Series: J. Thayer, 643; T. Kotrash, 598; T. Sowinski, 579.

### Pioneer

Chemical Bank ..... 17 - 2  
Custom Interior ..... 13 - 7  
Aunt Betty's ..... 13 - 7  
Ginger's ..... 13 - 7  
Millikins ..... 9 - 11  
Lady Slippers ..... 6 - 14  
Avalanche ..... 6 - 14  
Lucky Strikers ..... 3 - 17  
High Game: C. Jones, 221; M. Moshier, 201; J. Cousins and K. Moshier, 182.  
High Series: C. Jones, 559; L. Golnick, 519; M. Moshier, 513.

### Sunday Night Mixed

Waste Management ..... 19 - 9  
McDonald's of Gaylord ..... 19 - 9  
Sylvesters ..... 17 - 11  
Wakeley's Auto Parts ..... 16 - 12  
R & M Masonry ..... 13 - 15  
Custom Interior ..... 12 - 16  
McDonald's of Gaylord #2 ..... 9 - 19  
Citgo ..... 7 - 21  
Men's High Game: J. Elekonich, 235; J. Helsel, 212; R. Adkinson and M. Campbell, 201.  
Men's High Series: J. Elekonich,

599; J. Helsel, 596; R. Adkinson, 568.  
Women's High Game: J. Hinds, 204; K. Trudeau, 196; M. Miller, 195.  
Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 583; M. Miller, 538; E. Helsel, 518.

### Triangle

McDonald's ..... 16.5 - 7.5  
Tri★County Meats ..... 16 - 8  
Moshier Auto ..... 14.5 - 9.5  
Gray Rock Café ..... 13 - 11  
Johnson ..... 9 - 15  
High Game: T. Everly, 205; T. Williams, 178; T. Coors, 178.  
High Series: T. Everly, 581; T. Williams, 490; T. Coors, 475.

### American Men's

Forrest Bros. .... 22 - 6  
Moore's Automotive ..... 18 - 10  
Stake-Out Steak House ..... 18 - 10  
Fentons Auto ..... 13 - 15  
Helsel Forest Products ..... 12 - 16  
CSI Ind Sys ..... 11 - 17  
McLean's ACE ..... 10 - 18  
Upper Lakes Tire ..... 8 - 20  
High Game: T. Devins, 233; D. Henning, 225; J. DuBois, 223.  
High Series: B. Palmer, 623; L. Davis, 611; J. Helsel, 597.

### Recreation

Mickey Perez CPA ..... 13 - 7  
Glen's Market ..... 12 - 8  
Mark 8 ..... 12 - 8  
Gray Rock Café ..... 11 - 9  
Scheer Motors ..... 11 - 9  
Tri★County Meats ..... 11 - 9  
Peterson Saw Service ..... 6 - 14  
Cornell ..... 4 - 16  
High Game: B. Wheeler, 222; S.

Sumner, 193; S. Hinds, 182.  
High Series: B. Wheeler, 564; S. Sumner, 562; S. Hinds, 527.

### Senior Citizen League

Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us ..... 55 - 21  
Sylvester's Sports ..... 45 - 31  
Friends & Co ..... 42.5 - 33.5  
Baynham Wood Prod. .... 39 - 37  
Tri★County Meats ..... 36 - 40  
Flowers By Josie ..... 30.5 - 45.5  
Buccilli's Pizza ..... 30 - 46  
Cornell Realty ..... 26 - 50  
Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 205; K. Harris, 203; O. Brantley, 180.  
Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 589; K. Harris, 548; L. Essiambre, 501.  
Women's High Game: V. Westover, 212; R. Joyce, 178; P. Essiambre, 176.  
Women's High Series: V. Westover, 500; R. Joyce, 493; P. Essiambre, 486.

### Friday Mixed Doubles

Aunt Bettys ..... 12.5 - 7.5  
Sledheads of Frederic ..... 12 - 8  
R. Calkins & Sons ..... 10 - 10

## POOL LEAGUE

### Women's Standings

Sawmill II ..... 135  
Spikes ..... 120  
Frederic Inn ..... 100  
Plaza ..... 98  
Swamp ..... 96  
Sawmill I ..... 87  
Legion ..... 83  
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### Men's Standings

Frederic Inn ..... 39-33  
Margretheville II ..... 34-38  
Margretheville I ..... 33-21

Moshier Auto Repair ..... 9.5 - 10.5  
Charles Country Corner ..... 8 - 12  
Fick & Sons ..... 8 - 12  
High Game Men: L. Davis, 222; R. Moshier, 211 and 209; B. Trudeau, 209.  
High Series Men: D. Wallace, 602; L. Davis, 566; R. Moshier, 556.  
High Game Women: S. Sumner, 191; S. Morse, 186; D. Medina, 185.  
High Series Women: S. Sumner, 543; D. Medina, 501; S. Morse, 492.

### Northwood

R. Calkins & Sons ..... 15 - 5  
American Legion ..... 14 - 6  
Rochettes ..... 12 - 8  
Shady Acres Party Store ..... 12 - 8  
R & M Masonry ..... 10 - 10  
Pro Tree ..... 9 - 11  
Red Barn ..... 4 - 16  
Darrell's Roofing ..... 4 - 16  
High Game: M. Miller, 194; J. Hinds, 193; L. Dannenberg and S. Romain, 185.  
High Series: J. Hinds, 543; M. Miller, 529; K. Moshier, 493.

## YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

The Grayling Youth Bowling League will host a carnival at Legion Lanes on Saturday, February 19, at 4 p.m. The event will feature food, games, and all sorts of activities for both children and adults, including

fortune telling, face painting, basketball, wheel of fortune, and plinko. Tickets for admission can be purchased at the door for 50 cents each, or 12 for \$5. All proceeds will benefit the GYB League.

**Grayling City Hall and the Grayling City Police Department will be moving into their temporary offices on Tuesday, February 1st. The new address is 5688 West M-72, Grayling, MI 49738 in the old Century 21 building. All phone numbers will remain the same.**



## FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

### A FEW FACTS ABOUT FEET

The foot is a 26-bone structure. Its 33 joints, 107 ligaments, 19 muscles and tendons hold it together and allow for a variety of movements. Each foot contains 125,000 sweat glands, which excrete nearly two pints of moisture weekly. About 75% of Americans suffer foot problems at some point in their lives. Women have four times as many problems as men, mainly due to the prolonged use of high-heeled shoes. The feet bear pressure that exceeds body weight during periods of walking - this pressure grows to three to four times body weight when a person runs. The feet are a mirror of an individual's general health. Arthritis, diabetes and nerve and circulatory disorders often show initial symptoms in the feet.

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## LEGAL ACTION

### MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

DEFAULT having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert Near and Victoria Near, Husband and Wife, of Roscommon, Michigan (Mortgagors) AAA Mortgage and Financial Corporation (Mortgagee) dated February 12, 1996, and recorded February 16, 1996, in Liber 407, Page 340, Crawford County Records, and was assigned by an assignment to Beneficial Michigan, Inc., dated February 20, 1996 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on February 28, 1997 in Liber 425, Page 615, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of \$44,770.44 including interest at the rate of 12.250% per annum together with any additional sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned as provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of March, 2000 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., the undersigned will:

at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan foreclose said mortgage by selling at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amounts due on said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows:

Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, is described as follows:

Being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of same; thence Easterly on the 1/8-line, 500.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing Easterly 330.00 feet; thence Southerly parallel with the West line of said Southwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4,

330.00 feet; thence Westerly, 330.00 feet; thence Northerly, 330.00 feet to the point of beginning. Together with and subject to a non-exclusive 33.00 foot wide access easement for ingress and egress over the Westerly 500.00 feet of the Northerly 33.00 feet and over the Westerly 33.00 feet of said Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West. Tax ID #062-027-003-020-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty days from the date of such sale.

DATED: January 19, 2000  
Mortgagee  
Beneficial Michigan, Inc.  
Richard L. McDonnell (P38788)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
500 N. Woodward Avenue, Suite 300  
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-27-3-10-17-24

### FORECLOSURE NOTICE Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Mortgage Sale-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Reliable Supply and Equipment Company, Inc. to Old Kent Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 20, 1998 and recorded on December 8, 1998, Crawford County Record, Grayling, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Ten and 90/100 Dollars (\$120,210.90) including interest at 9.25% per annum until maturity and 10.75% after maturity.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan on Wednesday, February

23, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lobby. Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and are described as follows:

The Southwesterly 40.0 feet of Lots 5 and 6, Block 8, and all of Lot 7, Block 8 and the Northerly 50 feet of Lot 8, Block 8 of the Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 02, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date January 13, 2000

Old Kent Bank  
For information, please call:  
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A municipal corporation,  
Plaintiff  
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Gary Holey, Defendant  
Monte J. Burmeister P48732  
The Law Office of Monte J. Burmeister, PLLC

### NOTICE

The Frederic Volunteer Fire Department is accepting sealed bids for a 1985 Ford ambulance, needs engine. Bids will be opened at the February 8, 2000 Frederic Township Board meeting. Submit bids to Frederic Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 79, Frederic, MI 49733.

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Frederic Volunteer Fire Department

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## COUNTY BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Crawford County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing, Wednesday, February 16, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. to hear public comments on the 2000 Clean Michigan Initiative-Recreation Bond Program Grant through the State of Michigan. The grant application is in regard to the Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration Project. The Public Hearing will be held at the Crawford County Courthouse at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING FOR NORTH DOWN RIVER ROAD PROPOSED RAMP PARTNERSHIP

The Road Commission for Crawford County will be holding a Special Meeting February 4, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648.

Purpose for the meeting is to discuss the Proposed North Down River Road Partnership Agreement with local Agencies and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Notice posted January 25, 2000.

# FEATURES

## HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of February 6-12

### Aries March 21-April 20

OK, so it's almost Valentine's Day, and you don't have any plans. Lighten up. It's time you took your destiny in your own hands. Don't wait for someone else to make plans for you. Be open to a family member's suggestions this week.

### Taurus April 21-May 21

Lightening your approach to a problem may just be the answer. You'll feel more open to share your ideas, and that in turn, will end up helping others. A close relative is feeling a little neglected. Plan some time with him/her.

### Gemini May 22-June 21

Be prepared to face trying times at work at the end of the week. Although you've made some great plans for Valentine's Day, don't be upset if they fall through. Who knows, the day may just work out better for you and your partner.

### Cancer June 22-July 22

As the week starts, your creative imagination will be energized. Take advantage of it, and you'll come up with ideas that are astounding and impressive. Spend time with your partner, who really needs to talk.

### Leo July 23-August 23

Once you work out some personal dilemmas, you may find your professional goals start falling into place. Be patient, and don't let up on your work goals. Have you been neglecting your cultural side? It's time to do something about that.

### Virgo August 24-September 22

If Valentine's Day is not very high on your list of priorities this year, maybe it's time to rethink your stance. You could be busier than normal at work because of tough deadlines, unbalanced work loads or coworkers' vacations, so be ready.

### Libra

#### September 23-October 23

You may be able to set aside some time for yourself this week. Your family's schedule has been really hectic lately, but it looks like plans and activities are starting to slow down. So take it upon yourself to make some plans just for you.

### Scorpio

#### October 24-November 22

Your confidence is building; recent events have helped. Maybe this is the week for you to stick out your neck and ask for something you thought was next to impossible. Before you do, prepare yourself mentally and physically.

### Sagittarius

#### November 23-December 21

This is finally the year when you will be able to sit back and enjoy a wonderful Valentine's Day. You made your plans early, and nothing can stand in your way. Don't be too stubborn when it comes to some new ideas at work.

### Capricorn

#### December 22-January 20

Your goal this week? Remove some of the excess stress in your life. That may mean telling a "friend" this isn't the best time to help him/her through another problem, especially when everything he/she faces is a major disaster.

### Aquarius

#### January 21-February 18

Put up your feet and relax. Your tough schedule at work is finally slowing down, and some of the problems you've been facing at home are starting to work out. You deserve a break. Don't get discouraged by events this weekend.

### Pisces

#### February 19-March 20

Have you thought about changing your old routine? It may just be the way to find a new solution to a problem that seems to have been dragging on forever. Don't forget to visit a dear friend who is in town for just a short time.

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## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Honey Balsamic BBQ Shrimp

4 servings

1/2 cup ketchup

2 tsp. balsamic vinegar

1/2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

2 tbsp. honey

1 tbsp. brown sugar

1 tbsp. minced onion

1 1/2 lbs. large shrimp, peeled and deveined, tails left on

In a small saucepan, combine the ketchup, balsamic vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, honey, brown sugar

and onion. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Let cool. Thread shrimp, two at a time (interlocked to form a circle) onto a 15-inch metal skewer, starting and ending with tail ends. Repeat with remaining shrimp, dividing among four skewers.

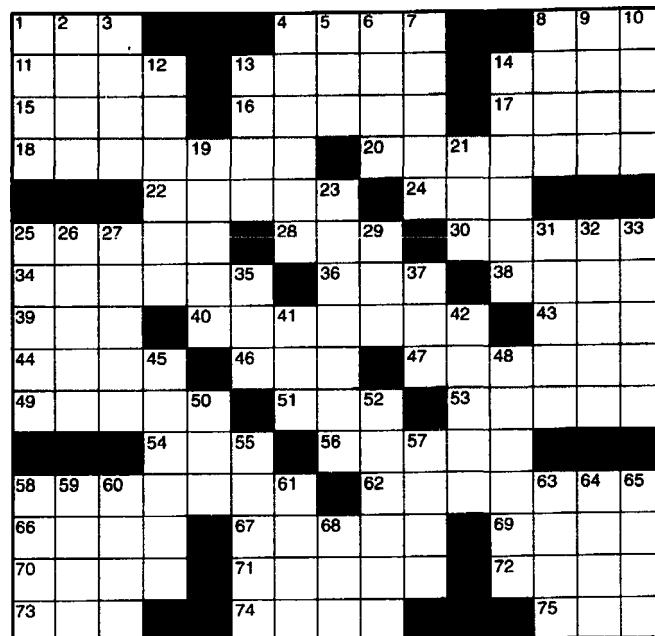
Grill shrimp on a preheated indoor BBQ for 3 to 4 minutes. Turn the skewers and brush the shrimp with sauce. Grill for an additional 3 to 4 minutes, or until pink. Turn shrimp and brush again with sauce.

Remove from grill and serve.



**HOME NEEDED** - Patch is a 2 year old male terrier mix. He is housebroken. Seems to prefer women. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

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### ACROSS

- Cold and unfriendly
- Passing fashions
- Polka pattern part
- Pretty pitiful grades
- Two-fisted type
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- Least hairy
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- Defective bomb
- Author Tillie
- Cookbook item: abbr.
- Follow the reaper
- Pane locale
- Singer Orbison
- Author Gardner
- ... tizzy (2 wds.)
- One who decides a matter
- Squabble
- Guy with a pocket protector
- Indeed, in Psalms
- Powerful
- Mercuri, for one
- Pacino and Capone
- Ocean movements
- Bridal adjunct

### DOWN

- Notion
- Battery Unit
- Whoop
- Car feature
- Noon precursors: abbr.
- Besmear
- Sam or J.C. of golf
- Sand hill
- Auto pioneer
- Take for a trial run
- Appeared to be
- Consider
- Interfere
- Salami variety
- Tote
- Blimp shots
- Having debts
- Inside layer
- Capture
- Bivouac bed
- Miscalculated
- Alienated
- Salamanders
- Disdainfully ironic
- Slangy assent
- "Luck \_\_\_ Lady" (2 wds.)
- Chopper Blade
- Lower
- Left the waiter money
- Billy the \_\_\_
- Gapes
- Cheyenne abode
- Fixes a squeak
- Egyptian solar disk
- Tackle anew
- Novelist James
- ... point (Siamese type)
- Poet exiled by Augustus
- Rive
- Move, like an exploring dog
- Pump, in a way

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago February 3, 1977

The City Council approved the decision to remove all parking meters from the downtown area but outstanding fines were still to be collected.

Discussion was also held on the prospect of future parking in order to alleviate parking pressure on the downtown area.

Fred Bear was awarded the Lifetime Career Award for 1975 from the National Sporting Goods Association. The distinct honor was made on the basis of ballots cast by the entire national sporting goods industry.

Bear was to be presented with the award in Chicago later that month.

Preparations were wrapping up for the 52nd Winter Sports Festival that was to be held the week following. Events included a dinner-dance to kick-off the weekend, Klondike Canoe Racing, Downhill Inner Tube Race, Snowshoe Open Golf Tournament and a Mardi Gras Ski Costume Contest.

The Vikings Varsity Boys' Basketball team defeated the Roscommon Bucks for their second victory of the season, 61 to 47. But following that game, they suffered a one point loss to St. Ignace, 57 to 56, at a home conference contest.

Students in grades first through eighth throughout northern Michigan communities began a month long Multiple Sclerosis Read-a-Thon in order to earn much needed funds for the area's 328 M.S. patients.

### 46 Years Ago February 4, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Butch) Golnick, Feldhausers give birth to a son, Paul William.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence (Bud) Hunter had a daughter on January

28, named Mary Catherine.

James Duley of Midland came to Grayling to spend the weekend and pick up Mrs. Duley and daughter Mary Kay after they had spent the week here visiting Mrs. Duley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bishaw. Mr. Duley also visited his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Legner.

The Holzmanns of Lansing were also weekend visitors at their parental homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jensen of Detroit spent the weekend in Grayling visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thorwald Sorenson and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jensen.

Derek McEvers came home from college in Marquette for between semester vacation and visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McEvers.

Mrs. James DuBois and son Leeds of Vassar visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Welsh.

A baby shower was held in Higgins Lake for Mrs. Roy C. Roper, Jr. and her new daughter, Tracy Ann.

### 69 Years Ago February 5, 1931

Twenty businesses in Grayling decorated their display windows with various depicted sports scenes in preparation for the Winter Carnival that was to start February 6.

The Memorial Building at Hartwick Pines Park, considered at the time to be one of the most beautiful structures, was preparation for opening to the public in the coming spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Thompson gave birth to a daughter, Joanne, on February 2.

Mrs. Oscar Hanson was in Cass City visiting her mother, Mrs. Terrace Wallace.

Peter Rasmussen celebrated his 83 birthday. In attendance was his

son, Elmer Rasmussen, and his granddaughter, Phyllis, both of Saginaw.

Anton Kangus and John Brady acquired new Chevrolet Sport sedans.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woodson, Jr. of Salisbury, N.C., gave birth to a daughter on February 4 and were visited by the new grandmother, Mrs. Bauman.

Mrs. Bauman also reported over 17 inches of snow for the Salisburys area for the month of December.

Mrs. William Laurant was hostess to the Birthday Club and prizes were awarded to Mrs. Richard Thompson, Mrs. Clarence Sherman and Mrs. Russell Vallad.

February 2 proved to be sunny and, according to tradition, the groundhog saw his shadow.

### 92 Years Ago February 6, 1908

Arthur Fournier returned from the University of Notre Dame due to a recent illness that has placed him on a mandatory complete rest.

A blizzard covering the area with 14 inches reduced the church attendance to a minimum. Major drifting caused caused transportation to be impeded. For such reason, no mail was received that Sunday.

Dr. Knapp of Lovells broke one runner of his cutter on the railroad track.

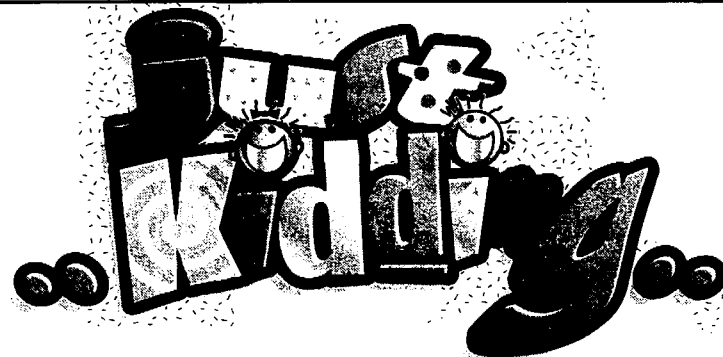
Mike Brenner of Grayling was registered at the Douglas Hotel at Lovells on Wednesday of that week.

The ground saw his shadow on February 2, promising six more weeks of February storms.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Heyl and Miss Laura Munn spent Sunday in Roscommon.

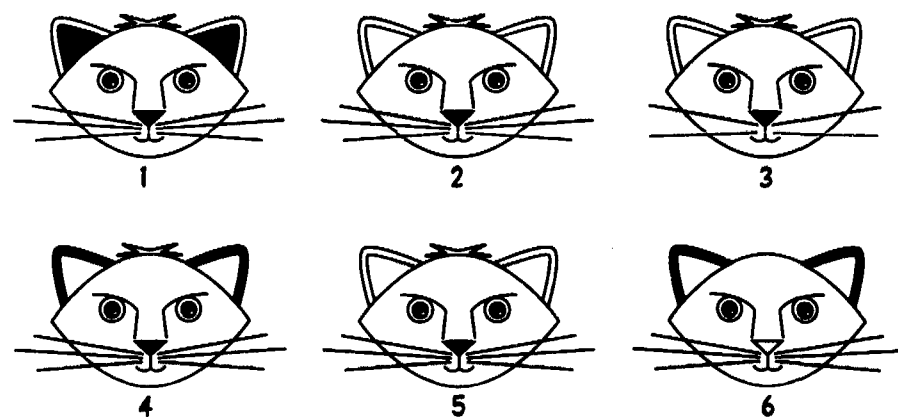
A new steel road roller for snow was pronounced a success and much better than a snow plow.

The ice man is happy. The crop is ripe and nearly harvested.



## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER: TWO AND FIVE



## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground
1/25	20	-6	3"	11"
1/26	11	-17	1"	11"
1/27	19	9	1"	11"
1/28	29	-8	.5"	11"
1/29	33	21	.5"	10"
1/30	29	17	.25"	11"
1/31	26	20	1.5"	12"

Extended Forecast courtesy of Excite Weather. Wednesday - chilly & sunny with high of 29 and a low of 14. Thursday - cool with a overcast, with a high of 42 and a low of 32. Friday - cool with a overcast, with a high of 41 and a low of 24. Saturday - cool and mainly cloudy with a high of 35 and low of 18.



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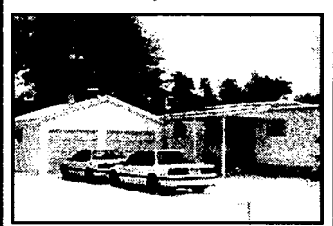
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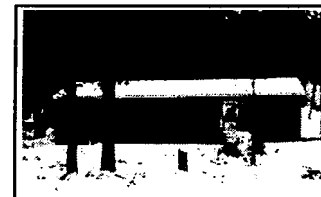
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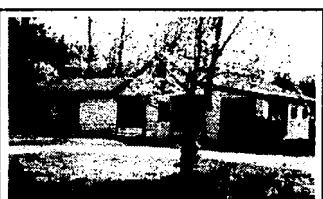
**FULL LOG HOME** with 210' frontage on Ausable Canal. Black crawl with insulated and lighted floor. 24x24 pole barn and 10x10 shed. Beautiful cedar trees over front yard. Home is situated on a double lot. Kitchen has Morril cabinets and all appliances included. \$110,000 MLS #184



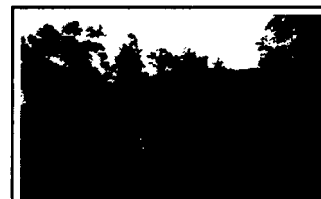
**NEWER ENERGY EFFICIENT RANCH.** Hardwood floors in kitchen/dining hallways. Features large country kitchen with extensive oak cabinets, ceramic tile in baths & track lighting. New 12x32 rear deck, shutters, vinyl siding, thermos vinyl clad windows, 10x10 heat & steel insulated doors. Professionally decorated interior with wallpaper and custom matching paint. This home is a Rural Development "in program" home. \$78,000 MLS# 9-2387



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**FAMILY HOME WITH FULL BASEMENT.** This 3 bedroom home offers a 2 car garage, fenced in back yard, natural gas heat, 10x12 deck and appliances. \$70,000 MLS# 9-1599

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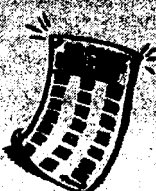
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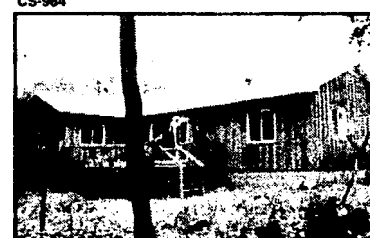
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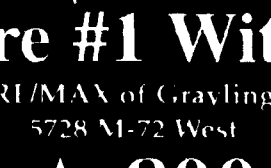
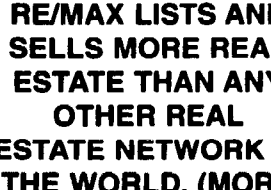
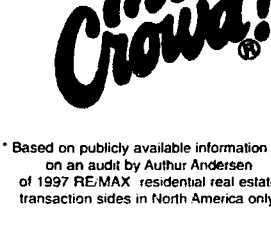
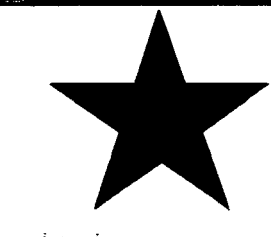
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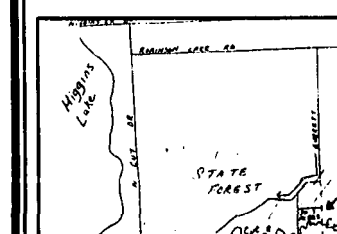


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